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PREFACE.

THE Author of the following *Hymns*, well known to the world by many excellent and uſeful writings, was much ſolicited by his friends to print them in his lifetime, from a hope they might be ſerviceable to the intereſt of religion, by aſſiſting the devotion of chriſtians in their ſocial and ſecret worſhip; and, had GOD continued his life till his *Family Expoſitor on the Epiſtles* had been publiſhed, it is probable he would have complied with their requeſt: but this and many other pious and benevolent purpoſes were broken off by his much-lamented death. During the laſt hour I ſpent with him, a few weeks before that mournful event, he honoured me with ſome particular directions about tranſcribing and publiſhing them. I have at length, through the good hand of my GOD upon me, finiſhed them, and preſent them to the world with a chearful hope, that they will promote and diffuſe

a ſpirit of devotion, and, together with other aſſiſtances human and divine, prepare many to join with the devout author in the nobler and everlaſting anthems of heaven.

THESE Hymns being compoſed to be ſung after the Author had been preaching on the texts prefixed to them, it was his deſign, that they ſhould bring over again the leading thoughts in the ſermon, and naturally expreſs and warmly enforce thoſe devout ſentiments, which he hoped were then riſing in the minds of his hearers, and help to fix them on the memory and heart: accordingly the attentive reader will obſerve, that moſt of them illuſtrate ſuch ſentiments, as a ſkilful preacher would principally inſiſt upon, when diſcourſing from the texts on which they are founded. There is a great variety in the form of them: Some are devout paraphraſes on the texts: others expreſſive of lively acts of devotion, faith, and truſt in GOD, love to *Chriſt*, deſire of divine influences, and good reſolutions of cultivating the temper and practiſing the duties recommended: others proclaim an humble joy and triumph in the gracious promiſes and encouragements of ſcripture, particularly in the diſcovery and proſpect of eternal life.

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The nature of the ſubjects will eaſily account for the difference of compoſure, why ſome are more plain and artleſs, others more lively, ſublime, and full of poetic fire. If any of them ſhould at firſt reading appear flat or obſcure, it may well be ſuppoſed they would affect the mind in a ſtronger manner, when uſed in a religious aſſembly after ſermons upon the texts, in which the context hath been conſidered (if that were neceſſary) parallel places compared, the deſign of the inſpired writer judiciouſly opened, and the beauty, propriety, and emphaſis of the ſeveral clauſes of the text illuſtrated: they therefore who uſe them in their devout retirements, ſhould firſt read and conſider the texts and contexts; and if they would conſult ſome *Expoſitor* upon them, particularly the Author's on the ſubject taken from the New Teſtament, they will ſee a ſpirit and elegance in theſe compoſures, which may otherwiſe be overlooked, and be more likely to reap real and laſting advantage by them.

IN this collection there are many Hymns formed upon paſſages in the *Old Teſtament*, particularly in the Prophets, directly relating to the caſe of the *Iſraelites*, or ſome particular good man among them, which the Au-

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* Compare *Hebrews* xiii, 5, 6, and *Family Expoſitor* in Loc. note *(e)* There are alſo ſome good remarks on this ſubject in Dr *Watt's Holineſs of Times, Places*, &c. *Diſ.* v. eſpecially *Prop.* 15.

THOSE young miniſters, who are deſirous of entering into the ſpirit and copiouſneſs of ſcripture, may find this work greatly uſeful to them, by directing them to many very ſuitable texts, and to ſome natural thoughts, and uſeful reflections, to be inſiſted upon in diſcourſing from them.

THERE are ſeveral Hymns in this collection ſuited to ſpecial and extraordinary occaſions, for which there was not before a ſufficient proviſion; ſuch as, for opening a new place of worſhip, the vacancy and ſettlement of churches, the ordination of miniſters, their removal from our world, &c. eſpecially for days of faſting and humiliation on account of actual or apprehended calamities; the want of which during the late rebellion and war was much regretted by many miniſters and private chriſtians.

IN theſe compoſures I hope few low or trivial expreſſions will be found: nothing appears unſuitable to the gravity and dignity of a worſhipping aſſembly: nothing likely to darken or damp the devotion of the humble chriſtian, or excite paſſions merely ſenſual. There is nothing that ſavours of a party-ſpirit, or carries an appearance of deſigning

ſigning to confine their uſe to any of the ſects into which chriſtians are unhappily divided. The materials are divine, and the Author's ſoul was never more enlarged, than when he was promoting a ſpirit of piety and candour in their juſt connection.

I CHOSE to place theſe Hymns in the order in which the ſeveral texts lie in the bible, as that prevents the neceſſity of another index, and there appeared no particular reaſon for diſpoſing them in any different order. In a few places where words occur not ſufficiently intelligible to common readers, I have added ſome more plain and familiar ones in the margin, that they may be read and ſung with underſtanding; preferring this method to that of ſome Authors, who have collected and explained them in a particular index.

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THESE Hymns being originally deſigned for the uſe of a congregation of plain unlearned chriſtians, it cannot be expected they ſhould entertain thoſe, who may peruſe them merely for the ſake of the poetry: yet I think many of them will ſtand the teſt of a critical examination, and appear at leaſt equal to other compoſitions of the like kind; and I am perſuaded they will all be delightful and beneficial to thoſe, who deſire to have their devotions enlivened, their ſouls filled with divine love, and who are ambitious to live up to the rules of the goſpel;

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I HAVE nothing to add but my earneſt wiſhes and prayers, that they may be ſubſervient to the glory of GOD, the more delightful celebration of divine ordinances, and the edification of my fellow chriſtians. *Amen.*

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I. Enoch's *piety and tranſlation.* Gen. v. 24. Heb. xi. 5.

1 ETERNAL God, our wond'ring ſouls
Admire thy matchleſs grace;
That thou wilt walk, that thou wilt dwell,
With Adam's worthleſs race.

2 O lead me to that happy path,
Where I my God may meet;
Tho' hoſts of foes begird it round,
Tho' briars wound my feet.

3 Chear'd with thy converſe, I can trace
The deſart with delight:
Thro' all the gloom one ſmile of thine
Can diſſipate the night.

4 Nor ſhall I thro' eternal days
A reſtleſs pilgrim roam;

Thy hand that now directs my course,
Shall soon convey me home.

5 I ask not Enoch's rapt'rous flight
To realms of heav'nly day;
Nor seek Elijah's fiery steeds
To bear this flesh away.

6 Joyful my spirit will consent
To drop its mortal load;
And hail * the sharpest pangs of death,
That break its way to God.

* Salute or welcome.

II. *GOD's gracious approbation of a religious care of our families.* Gen. xviii. 19.

1 FATHER of men, thy care we bless,
Which crowns our families with peace:
From thee they sprung, and by thy hand
Their root and branches are sustain'd.

2 To God, most worthy to be prais'd,
Be our domestic altars rais'd;
Who, Lord of heav'n, scorns not to dwel
With saints in their obscurest cell.

3 To thee may each united house,
Morning and night, present its vows:
Our servants there, and rising race
Be taught thy precepts, and thy grace.

4 O may each future age proclaim
The honours of thy glorious name;
While pleas'd, and thankful, we remove
To join the family above.

III. Abraham

III. Abraham's *interceſſion for Sodom.* Gen. xviii. 32.

For a faſt-day.

1 GREAT God! did pious Abram pray
For Sodom's vile abandon'd race?
And ſhall not all our ſouls be rous'd.
For Britain to implore thy grace?

2 Baſe as we are, does not thine eye
Its choſen thouſands here ſurvey; (crouds,
Whoſe ſouls, deep humbled, mourn the
Who walk in ſin's deſtructive way?

3 O Judge ſupreme, let not thy ſword
The righteous with the wicked ſmite:
Nor bury in promiſcuous heaps
Rebels, and ſaints thy chief delight.

4 For theſe thy children ſpare the land;
Avert the thunders big with death;
Nor let the ſeeds of latent * fire
Be kindled by thy flaming breath.

5 O! be not angry, mighty God,
While duſt and aſhes ſeek thy face;
But gently bending from thy throne,
Renew, and ſtill increaſe the grace.

6 Jeſus the interceſſor hear,
And for his ſake thy grace impart,
Which, while it ſtops the fiery ſtream,
Diſſolves the moſt obdurate heart.

7 Sodom ſhall change to Zion then,
And heavenly dews be ſcatter'd round,

* Hidden, ſecret.

That plants of paradiſe may ſpring,
Where baleful * poiſons curs'd the ground.

* Deſtructive.

IV. Jacob's *vow*. Gen. xxviii. 20——22.

1 O GOD of Jacob, by whoſe hand
Thine Iſrael ſtill is fed,
Who thro' this weary pilgrimage
Haſt all our fathers led.

2 To thee our humble vows we raiſe,
To thee addreſs our pray'r,
And in thy kind and faithful breaſt
Depoſit all our care.

3 If thou, thro' each perplexing path,
Wilt be our conſtant guide;
If thou wilt daily bread ſupply,
And raiment wilt provide;

4 If thou wilt ſpread thy ſhield around,
Till theſe our wand'rings ceaſe,
And at our Father's lov'd abode,
Our ſouls arrive in peace:

5 To thee, as to our cov'nant-God,
We'll our whole ſelves reſign;
And count, that not our *tenth* alone,
But all we have is thine.

V. *The hand of the LORD upon the cattle.* Exod. ix. 3.

1 THE creatures, Lord, confeſs thy hand,
Thro' earth and ſky, thro' ſea and land;
And all their meaneſt orders ſhare
Their Maker's pity, and his care.

2 O look from thine exalted throne,
And hear our panting cattle moan;
Prone * o'er th' untaſted food they lie,
Groan out their agonies, and die.

3 What have theſe harmleſs creatures done,
To draw this ſore chaſtiſement down?
'Tis human guilt for vengeance calls,
And heavy on the herds it falls.

4 From them to us the ſtroke might paſs,
And mow down thouſands of our race;
Till deſolation reign'd around,
Our cities void, untill'd our ground.

5 Prevent the ruin by thy grace,
And melt our hearts to ſeek thy face:
Bleſt fruit of thy correcting rod
To loſe our beaſts, and find our God.

* Stretched out on the ground.

VI. Iſrael *and* Amalek. Exod. xvii. 11.

For a faſt-day.

1 OUR banner is th' eternal God,
Nor will we yield to fear;
Amidſt ten thouſand fierce aſſaults,
His mighty aid is near.

2 To him the hands of faith we ſtretch,
And plead experienc'd grace;
To him the voice of pray'r we raiſe,
Nor will he hide his face.

3 No more, proud Amalek, thy boaſt,
" God's arm is feeble grown:"

His ſword ſhall lop off ev'ry hand,
That dares inſult his throne.

4 Awake, tremendous Judge, awake,
Our nation's cauſe to plead;
Nor let thine Iſrael's foes, and thine,
By wickedneſs ſucceed.

5 Our fainting hands, how ſoon they droop!
But thou the weak canſt raiſe;
And in the mount of pray'r canſt leave
An altar to thy praiſe.

VII. *Againſt following a multitude to do evil.*
Exod. xxiii. 2.

1 LORD, when iniquities abound,
And growing crimes appear;
We view the deluge riſing round
With ſorrow, and with fear.

2 Yet when its waves moſt fiercely beat,
And ſpread deſtruction wide,
Thy ſpirit can a ſtandard raiſe
To ſtem * the roaring tide.

3 May thy triumphant arm awake
Thy ſacred cauſe to plead;
And let the multitude confeſs,
That thou art God indeed.

4 Their hearts ſhall in a moment turn,
Like water, by thy hand;
One word ſhall bow their ſtubborn necks
To own thy high command.

* Reſtrain.

5 Our feeble ſouls at leaſt ſupport,
And there thy pow'r diſplay;
Then multitudes ſhall ſtrive in vain
To draw us from thy way.

VIII. Chriſt's *interceſſion typified by* Aaron's *breaſt-plate.* Exod. xxviii. 29.

1 NOW let our chearful eyes ſurvey
Our great high-prieſt above,
And celebrate his conſtant care,
And ſympathetic love.

2 Tho' rais'd to a ſuperior throne,
Where angels bow around,
And high o'er all the ſhining train
With matchleſs honours crown'd;

3 The names of all his ſaints he bears
Deep graven on his heart;
Nor ſhall the meaneſt Chriſtian ſay,
That he hath loſt his part.

4 Thoſe characters ſhall fair abide,
Our everlaſting truſt,
When gems, and monuments, and crowns
Are moulder'd down to duſt.

5 So, gracious Saviour, on my breaſt
May thy dear name be worn,
A ſacred ornament and guard,
To endleſs ages borne.

IX. *Who is on the Lord's ſide?* Ex. xxxiii. 26.

1 WHAT boſom mov'd with pious zeal
Doth for its God's diſhonour feel?

What

What heart with gen'rous ardour glows
To plead his cauſe againſt his foes?

2 Great God, what boſom can be cold!
What coward muſt not here grow bold?
While honour, int'reſt, truth and love,
Concur our inmoſt ſouls to move?

3 Around thy ſtandard, Lord, we preſs,
Thine injur'd honour to redreſs,
And with determin'd voice demand
The ſignal of thy conqu'ring hand.

4 Thou ſhalt theſe ſacred weapons bleſs,
And lead thro' war to endleſs peace;
Nor death itſelf our ſouls ſhall dread,
For thine own arm ſhall raiſe the dead.

X. *GOD's preſence deſirable.* Ex. xxxiii. 15.

1 IMMENSE, eternal God!
How marvellous thy name!
Thy preſence all abroad
Pervades * all nature's frame;
Heav'n, earth, and air,
And the dark cell,
Where devils dwell
In long deſpair.

2 Yet thou haſt choſen ways
To make thy preſence known,
To fav'rites of thy grace,
To upright ſouls alone:

* Penetrates through, or fills.

This

This glory, Lord,
My ſoul would ſee,
This grace to me,
My God, afford.

3 If thou thy luſtre veil,
The charms of nature fade;
All wither'd, weak, and pale,
They bow their languid head:
My Father, ſhine;
For thou canſt give
The dead to live
By beams divine.

4 Ev'n Eden's bliſsful lands
Would in thine abſence mourn:
But thou wild Afric's * ſands
To paradiſe canſt turn.
If God be there
The gloom is bright:
But noon is night,
Till thou appear.

5 Come, for my ſpirit glows
With infinite deſire!
Strong love impatient grows,
And ſets my heart on fire.
My Father, come;
That preſence give,
On which I live;
Or call me home.

* Africa, a part of the earth remarkable for ſandy barren deſarts.

XI. Moſes's *view of the divine glory.* Exod. xxxiii. 18.

1 WITH humble pleaſure, Lord, we trace
The ancient records of thy grace;
And our own conſolation draw,
From what thy ſervant Moſes ſaw.

2 May we behold thy glory ſhine
With gentle beams of love divine;
And hear thy ſecret voice proclaim
The various wonders of thy name.

3 If feeble nature faint t' endure
A voice ſo ſweet, a ray ſo pure;
Its diſſolution would delight,
While death would wear a form ſo bright.

4 Death ſhall unveil that world above,
Where the dear children of thy love,
Attemper'd * all to heav'nly day,
Bear, and reflect th' immediate ray.

* Fitted and enabled to bear.

XII. *The proclamation of GOD's name to* Moſes; or, *divine mercy and juſtice.* Exod. xxxiv. 6—8.

1 ATTEND, my ſoul, the voice divine,
And mark what beaming glories ſhine
Around thy condeſcending God!
To us, to us, he ſtill proclaims
His awful, his endearing names:
Attend, and ſound them all abroad.

2 "Je-

2 " Jehovah I, the ſov'reign Lord,
" The mighty God, by heaven ador'd,
" Down to the earth my footſteps bend:
" My heart the tend'reſt pity knows,
" Goodneſs full-ſtreaming wide o'erflows,
" And grace and truth ſhall never end.

3 " My patience long can crimes endure:
" My pard'ning love is ever ſure,
" When penitential ſorrow mourns;
" To millions, thro' unnumber'd years,
" New hope and new delight it bears;
" Yet wrath againſt the ſinner burns."

4 Make haſte, my ſoul, the viſion meet,
All-proſtrate at thy Sov'reign's feet,
And drink the tuneful accents in;
Speak on, my Lord, repeat the voice,
Diffuſe theſe heart-expanding joys,
Till heav'n complete the rapt'rous ſcene.

XIII. *The GOD of ſpirits ſought to ſupply vacancies in the congregations of his people.* Numb. xxxvii. 15—17.

1 FATHER of ſpirits, from thy hand,
Our ſouls immortal came;
And ſtill thine energy * divine
Supports th' ethereal † flame.

2 By thee our ſpirits all are known;
And each remoteſt thought
Lies wide expanded to his eye,
By whom their pow'rs were wrought.

* Power. † Heavenly.

3 To thee, when mortal comforts fail,
Thy flock deſerted flies;
And, on th' eternal ſhepherd's care,
Our chearful hope relies.

4 When o'er thy faithful ſervants duſt
Thy dear aſſemblies mourn,
In ſpeedy tokens of thy grace,
O Iſrael's God return.

5 The powers of nature all are thine,
And thine the aids of grace;
Thine arm has borne thy churches up
Thro' every riſing race.

6 Exert thy ſacred influence here,
And here thy ſuppliants bleſs,
And change, to ſtrains of chearful praiſe,
Their accents of diſtreſs.

7 With faithful heart, with ſkilful hand,
May this thy flock be fed;
And with a ſteady growing pace,
To Zion's mountain led.

XIV. *The LORD's people his portion.* Deut. xxxii. 9.

1 SOV'REIGN of nature, all is thine,
The air, the earth, the ſea:
By thee the orbs celeſtial * ſhine,
And cherubs live by thee.

2 Rich in thy own eſſential ſtore;
Thou call'ſt forth worlds at will:

* The heavenly bodies.

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Ten thouſand, and ten thouſand more
Would hear thy ſummons ſtill.

3 What treaſure wilt thou then confeſs?
And thy own portion call?
What by peculiar right poſſeſs,
Imperial Lord of all?

4 Thine Iſrael thou wilt ſtoop to claim,
Wilt mark them out for thine:
Ten thouſand praiſes to thy name
For goodneſs ſo divine!

5 That I am thine, my ſoul would boaſt,
And boaſt its claim to thee:
Nor ſhall God's property be loſt,
Nor God be torn from me.

XV. *The eternal* God *his people's refuge and ſupport.* Deut. xxxiii. 27.

1 BEHOLD the great eternal God,
Spreads everlaſting arms abroad,
And calls our ſouls to ſhelter there.
Wonders of mingled pow'r and grace
To all his Iſrael he diſplays,
Guarded from danger and from fear.

2 Thither my feeble ſoul ſhall fly,
When terrors preſs, and death is nigh,
And there will I delight to dwell:
On that high tow'r I rear my head
Serene, nor knows my heart to dread,
Amidſt ſurrounding hoſts of hell.

3 The ſhadow of th' Almighty's wings
Compoſure unmoleſted brings, (crowd;
While threat'ning horrors round me
In vain the ſtorms of rattling hail
The walls of this retreat aſſail,
And the wild tempeſt roars aloud.

4 In louder ſtrains my fearleſs tongue
Shall warble its victorious ſongs,
My Father's graces to proclaim;
He bears his infant offspring on
To glory radiant as his throne,
And joys eternal as his name.

XVI. *The happineſs of* God's Iſrael. Deut. xxxiii. 29.

1 O ISRAEL, bleſt beyond compare!
Unrival'd all thy glories are:
Jehovah deigns * to fill thy throne,
And calls thine intereſt all his own.

2 He is thy Saviour; he thy Lord;
His ſhield is thine; and thine his ſword:
Review in extacy of thought
The grand redemption he has wrought.

3 From Satan's yoke he ſets thee free,
Opens thy paſſage thro' the ſea;
He thro' the deſart is thy guide,
And heav'n for Canaan will provide.

4 Not Jacob's ſons of old could boaſt
Such favours to their choſen hoſt;

* Condeſcends.

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Their glories which thro' ages ſhine,
Are but dim ſhades and types of thine.

5 Celeſtial Spirit, teach our tongue
Sublimer ſtrains than Moſes ſung,
Proportion'd to the ſweeter name
Of God the Saviour, and the Lamb.

XVII. *Support in the gracious preſence of* God *under the loſs of miniſters and other uſeful friends.* Joſh. i. 2, 4, 5.

1 NOW let our mourning hearts revive,
And all our tears be dry;
Why ſhould thoſe eyes be drown'd in grief,
Which view a Saviour nigh?

2 What tho' the arm of conqu'ring death
Does God's own houſe invade?
What tho' the prophet, and the prieſt
Be number'd with the dead?

3 Tho' earthly ſhepherds dwell in duſt,
The aged, and the young,
The watchful eye in darkneſs clos'd,
And mute th' inſtructive tongue;

4 Th' eternal Shepherd ſtill ſurvives,
New comfort to impart;
His eye ſtill guides us, and his voice
Still animates our heart.

5 "Lo, I am with you," ſaith the Lord,
"My church ſhall ſafe abide;
"For I will ne'er forſake my own,
"Whoſe ſouls in me confide."

6 Thro' every ſcene of life and death,
This promiſe is our truſt;
And this ſhall be our children's ſong,
When we are cold in duſt.

XVIII. God *inſenſibly withdrawn.* Judges xvi. 20.

1 A Present God is all our ſtrength,
And all our joy and hope;
When he withdraws, our comforts die,
And ev'ry grace muſt droop.

2 But flatt'ring trifles charm our hearts
To court their falſe embrace,
Till juſtly this neglected friend
Averts his angry face.

3 He leaves us, and we miſs him not,
But go preſumptuous on;
Till baffled, wounded, and enſlav'd,
We learn that God is gone.

4 And what, my ſoul, can then remain
One ray of light to give?
Sever'd from him, their better life,
How can his children live?

5 Hence, all ye painted forms of joy,
And leave my heart to mourn:
I would devote theſe eyes to tears,
Till cheer'd by his return.

6 Look back, my Lord, and own the place,
Where once thy temple ſtood;

For lo, its ruins bear the mark
Of rich atoning blood.

XIX. Ebenezer; *or*, God's *helping hand, reviewed and acknowledged.* 1 Sam. vii. 12.

For New Year's Day.

1 MY helper God! I bleſs his name:
The ſame his pow'r, his grace the ſame,
The tokens of his friendly care
Open, and crown, and cloſe the year.

2 I 'midſt ten thouſand dangers ſtand,
Supported by his guardian hand;
And ſee, when I ſurvey my ways,
Ten thouſand monuments of praiſe.

3 Thus far his arm hath led me on;
Thus far I make his mercy known;
And, while I tread this deſart land,
New mercies ſhall new ſongs demand.

4 My grateful ſoul, on Jordan's ſhore,
Shall raiſe one ſacred pillar more:
Then bear, in his bright courts above,
Inſcriptions of immortal love.

XX. *The ſaint encouraging himſelf in the* Lord *his* God. 1 Sam. xxx. 6.

1 JEHOVAH, 'tis a glorious name,
Still pregnant with delight;
It ſcatters round a chearful beam,
To gild the darkeſt night.

2 What tho' our mortal comforts fade,
And drop like with'ring flowers?
Nor time nor death can break that band,
Which makes Jehovah ours.

3 My cares, I give you to the wind,
And ſhake you off like duſt;
Well may I truſt my all with him,
With whom my ſoul I truſt.

XXI. *Support in* God's *covenant under domeſtic troubles.* 2 Sam. xxiii. 5.

1 MY God, the cov'nant of thy love
Abides for ever ſure,
And in its matchleſs grace I feel
My happineſs ſecure.

2 What tho' my houſe be not with thee,
As nature could deſire?
To nobler joys than nature gives,
Thy ſervants all aſpire.

3 Since thou, the everlaſting God,
My Father art become;
Jeſus my guardian, and my friend,
And heav'n my final home;

4 I welcome all thy ſov'reign will;
For all that will is love:
And, when I know not what thou doſt,
I wait the light above.

5 Thy cov'nant in the darkeſt gloom
Shall heav'nly rays impart,
Which, when my eye-lids cloſe in death,
Shall warm my chilling heart.

XXII.

XXII. *Support in* God's *covenant in the near views of death.* 2 Sam. xxiii. 1. *and* 5. *compared.*

1 TIS mine, the cov'nant of his grace,
And ev'ry promiſe mine!
All ſprung from everlaſting love,
And ſeal'd by blood divine.

2 On my unworthy favour'd head,
Its bleſſings all unite;
Bleſſings more num'rous than the ſtars,
More laſting and more bright.

3 Death, thou may'ſt tear this rag of fleſh,
And ſink my fainting head,
And lay my ruins in the grave,
Among my kindred dead:

4 But death and hell in vain ſhall ſtrive
To break that ſacred reſt,
Which God's expiring children feel,
While leaning on his breaſt.

5 Th' enlarged ſoul thou canſt not reach,
Nor rend from Chriſt away;
Tho' o'er my mould'ring duſt thou boaſt
The triumphs of a day.

6 The night is paſt, my morning dawns;
My cov'nant God deſcends,
And wakes that duſt to join my ſoul
In bliſs that never ends.

7 That cov'nant the laſt accents claims
Of this poor falt'ring tongue;

And

And that ſhall the firſt notes employ
Of my celeſtial ſong.

XXIII. *Rejoicing in our covenant-engagements to* God. 2 Chron. xv. 15.

1 O HAPPY day, that fix'd my choice
On thee, my Saviour, and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

2 O happy bond, that ſeals my vows
To him, who merits all my love!
Let chearful anthems * fill his houſe,
While to that ſacred ſhrine † I move.

3 'Tis done; the great tranſaction's done:
I am my Lord's, and he is mine:
He drew me, and I follow'd on,
Charm'd to confeſs the voice divine.

4 Now reſt my long-divided heart,
Fix'd on this bliſsful center reſt;
With aſhes who would grudge to part,
When call'd on angels bread to feaſt?

5 High heav'n, that heard the ſolemn vow,
That vow renew'd ſhall daily hear:
Till in life's lateſt hour I bow,
And bleſs in death a bond ſo dear.

* Hymns of praiſe. † Altar or place of worſhip.

XXIV. God *ſtirring up the ſpirit of* Cyrus *to redeem* Iſrael. Ezra i. 1. *compared with* Iſa. xliv. 1—4.

1 TH' eternal God! his name how great!
How deep his counſels! how complete!
The hearts of kings his pow'r can ſway;
His word unconſcious * they obey.

2 Summon'd of old in diſtant days
To ſerve his ſchemes, and ſhew his praiſe,
Cyrus, illuſtrious prince, appears,
His people frees, his temple rears.

3 Thro' legions arm'd he breaks his way,
And tramples gen'rals down like clay;
The bars of ſteel he cuts in twain,
And brazen gates oppoſe in vain.

4 But to Jehovah's accents mild
The hero pliant as a child,
Lays the new gates of empire by,
Till Zion riſe and ſhines on high.

5 Thus, mighty God, ſhall ev'ry heart,
(If thou thine influence there exert)
Throw its own fondeſt ſchemes aſide,
And follow where thy hand ſhall guide.

6 The foremoſt ſons of fame ſhall boaſt
To raiſe thy temples from their duſt;
Princes ſhall ſhout thy name aloud,
And new-born prieſts thine altars crowd.

* Without intending it. Iſa. x. 7.

XXV. *A glance from* God *bringing us down to the ſolitude of the grave.* Job vii. 8.

1 SOV'REIGN of life, before thine eye,
Lo, mortal men by thouſands die!
One glance from thee at once brings down
The proudeſt brow, that wears a crown.

2 Baniſh'd at once from human ſight
To the dark grave's unchanging night,
Impriſon'd in that duſty bed,
We hide our ſolitary head.

3 The friendly band * no more ſhall greet,
Accents familiar once, and ſweet:
No more the well-known features trace,
No more renew the fond embrace.

4 Yet if my Father's faithful hand
Conduct me thro' this gloomy land,
My ſoul with pleaſure ſhall obey,
And follow where he leads the way.

5 He nobler friends than here I leave,
In brighter ſurer worlds can give;
Or by the beamings of his eye
A loſt creation well ſupply.

* Company.

XXVI. *The impoſſibility of proſpering while men harden themſelves againſt* God. Job ix. 4.

1 THE great Jehovah! who ſhall dare
With him to tempt unequal war?
What heart of ſteel ſhall dare t' oppoſe,
And league among his harden'd foes?

At his command the lightnings dart,
And ſwift transfix * the rebel heart:
Earth trembles at his look, and cleaves,
And legions ſink in living graves.

Where are the haughty monarchs now,
Who ſcorn'd his word with low'ring brow?
Where are the trophies of their reigns?
Or where their ruins laſt remains?

See Pharaoh ſinking in the tide,
See Babel's tyrant mad with pride,
Graze with the beaſts! hear Herod roar,
While worms his Deity devour!

See from the turrets of the ſkies,
Tall cherubs ſink, no more to riſe;
And trace their rank on thrones of light,
By heavier chains, and darker night!

Great God! and ſhall this ſoul of mine
Preſume to challenge wrath divine?
Trembling I ſeek thy mercy-ſeat,
And lay my weapons at thy feet.

* Pierce through.

XXVII. *The great journey.* Job xvi. 22.

BEHOLD the path that mortals tread
Down to the regions of the dead!
Nor will the fleeting moments ſtay,
Nor can we meaſure back our way.

Our kindred and our friends are gone;
Know, O my ſoul, this doom thy own;
Feeble as theirs my mortal frame,
The ſame my way, my houſe the ſame.

3 From vital air, from chearful light,
To the cold grave's perpetual night,
From ſcenes of duty, means of grace,
Muſt I to God's tribunal paſs!

4 Important journey! awful view!
How great the change! the ſcenes how new!
The golden gates of heav'n diſplay'd,
Or hell's fierce flames, and gloomy ſhade!

5 Awake, my ſoul; thy way prepare,
And loſe in this each mortal care;
With ſteady feet that path be trod,
Which thro' the grave conducts to God.

6 Jeſus, to thee my all I truſt,
And, if thou call me down to duſt,
I know thy voice, I bleſs thy hand,
And die in ſmiles at thy command.

7 What was my terror, is my joy;
Theſe views my brighteſt hopes employ,
To go, ere many years are o'er,
Secure I ſhall return no more.

XXVIII. *The penitent brought back from the pit.* Job xxxiii. 27, 28.

1 THE Lord, from his exalted throne,
In majeſty array'd,
Looks with a melting pity down
On all that ſeek his aid.

2 When, touch'd with penitent remorſe,
Our follies paſt we mourn,
With what a tenderneſs of love
He meets our firſt return!

3 From heav'n he ſent his only Son
To ranſom us with blood,
To ſnatch us from the burning pit,
When on its brink we ſtood.

4 From death and hell he leads us up
By a delightful way;
And the bright beams of endleſs life,
Doth round our path diſplay.

5 Great God, we wonder and adore;
And, to exalt ſuch grace,
We long to learn the ſongs of heav'n
Ere yet we reach the place.

XXIX. *Communing with our hearts.* Pſal. iv. 4.

1 RETURN, my roving heart, return,
And chaſe theſe ſhadowy forms no more;
Seek out ſome ſolitude to mourn,
And thy forſaken God implore.

2 Wiſdom and pleaſure dwell at home;
Retir'd and ſilent ſeek them there:
True conqueſt is ourſelves t' o'ercome,
True ſtrength to break the tempter's ſnare.

3 And thou, my God, whoſe piercing eye
Diſtinct ſurveys each deep receſs,
In theſe abſtracted hours draw nigh,
And with thy preſence fill the place.

4 Thro' all the mazes * of my heart
My ſearch let heav'nly wiſdom guide,

* Windings, perplexities.

And ſtill its radiant beams impart,
Till all be ſearch'd and purified.

5 Then, with the viſits of thy love,
Vouchſafe my inmoſt ſoul to chear;
Till ev'ry grace ſhall join to prove,
That God hath fix'd his dwelling there.

XXX. God's *name the encouragement of* [illegible] *faith.* Pſal. ix. 10.

1 SING to the Lord, who loud proclaims
His various, and his ſaving names;
O may they not be heard alone,
But by our ſure experience known!

2 Let great Jehovah be ador'd,
Th' eternal, all-ſufficient Lord!
He thro' the world moſt high confeſs'd,
By whom 'twas form'd, and is poſſeſs'd.

3 Awake our nobleſt pow'rs to bleſs
The God of Abram, God of peace;
Now by a dearer title known,
Father and God of Chriſt his Son.

4 Thro' ev'ry age his gracious ear
Is open to his ſervants pray'r;
Nor can one humble ſoul complain,
That it hath ſought its God in vain.

5 What unbelieving heart ſhall dare
In whiſpers to ſuggeſt a fear,
While ſtill he owns his ancient name?
The ſame his pow'r, his love the ſame!

To thee our ſouls in faith ariſe,
To thee we lift expecting eyes;
And boldly thro' the deſart tread,
For God will guard, where God ſhall lead.

XXXI. *Triumph in* God's *protection.* Pſalm xviii. 2.

LEGIONS of foes beſet me round,
While marching o'er this dang'rous ground;
Yet in Jehovah's aid I truſt,
And in his pow'r ſuperior boaſt.

My buckler he; his ſhield is ſpread
To cover this defenceleſs head:
Now let the fierceſt foes aſſail,
Their darts I count as rattling hail.

He is my rock, and he my tow'r;
The baſe * how firm! the walls how ſure!
The battlements how high they riſe!
And hide their ſummits † in the ſkies.

Deliv'rances to God belong;
He is my ſtrength, and he my ſong;
The horn of my ſalvation he,
And all my foes diſpers'd ſhall flee.

Thro' the long march my lips ſhall ſing
My great protector and my king,
Till Zion's mount my feet aſcend,
And all my painful warfare end.

Rais'd on the ſhining turrets there,
Thro' all the proſpect wide and fair,

* Foundation. † Top.

A land of peace his hoſts ſurvey,
And bleſs the grace that led the way.

XXXII. *Support in death.* Pſal. xxiii. 4.

1 BEHOLD the gloomy vale,
Which thou, my ſoul, muſt tread,
Beſet with terrors fierce and pale,
That leads thee to the dead.

2 Ye pleaſing ſcenes, adieu *,
Which I ſo long have known:
My friends, a long farewel to you,
For I muſt paſs alone.

3 And thou, beloved clay,
Long partner of my cares,
In this rough part are torn away
With agony and tears.

4 But ſee a ray of light,
With ſplendors all divine,
Breaks thro' theſe doleful realms of night,
And makes its horrors ſhine.

5 Where death and darkneſs reigns,
Jehovah is my ſtay:
His rod my trembling feet ſuſtains,
His ſtaff defends my way.

6 Dear Shepherd, lead me on;
My ſoul diſdains to fear;
Death's gloomy phantoms all are flown,
Now life's great Lord is near.

* Farewel.

XXXIII.

XXXIII. *The good man's proſpect for time and eternity.* Pſal. xxiii. 6.

1 MY ſoul, triumphant in the Lord,
Shall tell its joys abroad;
And march with holy vigour on,
Supported by its God.

2 Thro' all the winding * maze of life,
His hand hath been my guide,
And in that long-experienc'd care,
My heart ſhall ſtill confide.

3 His grace thro' all the deſart flows,
An unexhauſted ſtream:
That grace on Zion's ſacred mount
Shall be my endleſs theme ‡.

4 Beyond the choiceſt joys of earth
Theſe diſtant courts I love;
But O! I burn with ſtrong deſire
To view thy houſe above.

5 Mingled with all the ſhining band,
My ſoul would there adore;
A pillar in thy temple fix'd,
To be remov'd no more.

* Wilderneſs. ‡ Subject.

XXXIV. *The goodneſs which* God *has wrought and laid up for his people.* Pſ. xxxi. 1.

1 OUR ſouls with pleaſing wonder view
The bounties of thy grace;
How much beſtow'd! how much reſerv'd
For them that ſeek thy face!

2 Thy lib'ral hand with worldly bliſs
Oft makes their cup run o'er;
And in the cov'nant of thy love
They find diviner ſtore.

3 Here mercy hides their num'rous ſins;
Here grace their ſouls renews;
Here thy own reconciled face
Doth heav'nly beams diffuſe.

4 But O! what treaſures yet unknown
Are lodg'd in worlds to come!
If theſe th' enjoyments of the way,
How happy is their home!

5 And what ſhall mortal worms reply?
Or how ſuch goodneſs own?
But 'tis our joy that, Lord, to thee,
Thy ſervants hearts are known.

6 Thine eyes ſhall read thoſe grateful thoughts
No language can expreſs:
Yet, when our livelieſt thanks we pay,
Our debts do moſt increaſe.

7 Since time's too ſhort, all-gracious God,
To utter half thy praiſe,
Loud to the honour of thy name
Eternal hymns we'll raiſe.

XXXV. *Reliſhing the divine goodneſs.* Pſalm xxxiv. 8, 9.

1 TRiumphant Lord, thy goodneſs reigns
Thro' all the wide celeſtial plains;
And its full ſtreams redundant flow
Down to th' abodes of men below.

2 Thro'

2 Thro' nature's works its glories ſhine;
The cares of providence are thine:
And grace erects our ruin'd frame
A fairer temple to thy name.

3 O give to ev'ry human heart
To taſte, and feel how good thou art;
With grateful love and rev'rend fear,
To know how bleſt thy children are.

4 Let nature burſt into a ſong:
Ye echoing hills, the notes prolong:
Earth, ſeas, and ſtars your anthems raiſe,
All vocal * with your Maker's praiſe.

5 Ye ſaints, with joy the theme purſue;
Its ſweeteſt notes belong to you;
Choſe by this condeſcending king
For ever round his throne to ſing.

* Sounding, as if endowed with ſpeech.

XXXVI. God *ſaying to the ſoul, that he is its ſalvation.* Pſal. xxxv. 3.

1 SALVATION! O melodious ſound
To wretched dying men!
Salvation, that from God proceeds,
And leads to God again!

2 Reſcu'd from hell's eternal gloom,
From fiends ‡, and fires and chains:
Rais'd to a paradiſe of bliſs,
Where love and glory reigns!

‡ Evil ſpirits.

3 But O! may a degenerate ſoul,
Sinful and weak as mine,
Preſume to raiſe a trembling eye
To bleſſings ſo divine?

4 The luſtre of ſo bright a bliſs
My feeble heart o'erbears;
And unbelief almoſt perverts
The promiſe into tears.

5 My Saviour-God, no voice but thine
Theſe dying hopes can raiſe:
Speak thy ſalvation to my ſoul,
And turn its tears to praiſe.

6 My Saviour-God, this broken voice
Tranſported ſhall proclaim,
And call on all th' angelic harps
To ſound ſo ſweet a name.

XXXVII. God's *complacency in the proſperity of his ſervants.* Pſal. xxxv. 27.

1 THE Lord with pleaſure views his ſaints
And calls them all his own;
And low he bows to their complaints,
And pities ev'ry groan.

2 In all the joys they here poſſeſs,
He takes a tender part;
And when they riſe to heav'nly bliſs,
Complacence fills his heart.

3 My God, are all my pleaſures thine,
My comforts thy delight?
O be thy happineſs divine
Moſt precious in my ſight.

4 They

4 They moſt in all thy bliſs ſhall ſhare,
Whoſe hearts can love thee moſt;
O could I vie * in ardour here
With all th' angelic hoſt.

* Endeavour to equal.

XXXVIII. *The days of the upright known to* God, *and their everlaſting inheritance.* Pſal. xxxvii. 18.

1 TO thee, my God, my days are known,
My ſoul enjoys the thought;
My actions all before thy face,
Nor are my faults forgot.

2 Each ſecret breath devotion vents
Is vocal to thine ear;
And all my walks of daily life
Before thine eye appear.

3 The vacant hour, the active ſcene,
Thy mercy ſhall approve;
And ev'ry pang of ſympathy,
And ev'ry care of love.

4 Each golden hour of beaming light
Is guided by thy rays;
And dark affliction's midnight-gloom
A preſent God ſurveys.

5 Full in thy view thro' life I paſs,
And in thy view I die;
And when each mortal bond is broke,
Shall find my God is nigh.

6 Stripp'd of its little earthly all,
My ſoul in ſmiles ſhall go;

And

And in an heav'nly heritage
Its Father's bounty know.

XXXIX. *Our deſire and groaning before* God, *when proceeding from the greateſt diſtreſs.* Pſal. xxxviii. 9, 10.

1 MY ſoul, the awful hour will come,
Apace it paſſeth on,
To bear this body to the tomb,
And thee to ſcenes unknown.

2 My heart, long lab'ring with its woes,
Shall pant and ſink away;
And you, my eye-lids, ſoon ſhall cloſe
On the laſt glimm'ring ray.

3 Whence in that hour ſhall I receive
A cordial for my pain,
When, if earth's monarchs were my friends,
Thoſe friends would weep in vain?

4 Great king of nature, and of grace,
To thee my ſpirit flies,
And opens all its deep diſtreſs
Before thy pitying eyes.

5 All its deſires to thee are known,
And ev'ry ſecret fear,
The meaning of each broken groan
Well-notic'd by thine ear.

6 O fix me by that mighty pow'r,
Which to ſuch love belongs,
Where darkneſs veils the eyes no more,
And groans are chang'd to ſongs.

XL.

XL. God *magnified by thoſe that love his ſalvation.* Pſal. xl. 16.

1 GOD of ſalvation, we adore
Thy ſaving love, thy ſaving pow'r;
And to our utmoſt ſtretch of thought
Hail the redemption thou haſt wrought.

2 We love the ſtroke that breaks our chain,
The ſword by which our ſins are ſlain:
And while abas'd in duſt we bow,
We ſing the grace that lays us low.

3 Periſh each thought of human pride:
Let God alone be magnified:
His glory let the heav'ns reſound,
Shouted from earth's remoteſt bound.

4 Saints, who his full ſalvation know,
Saints, who but taſte it here below,
Join ev'ry angel's voice to raiſe
Continu'd, never-ending praiſe.

XLI. *The triumph of* Chriſt *in the cauſe of truth, meekneſs, and righteouſneſs.* Pſal. xlv. 3, 4.

1 LOUD to the Prince of heav'n
Your chearful voices raiſe;
To him your vows be giv'n,
And fill his courts with praiſe.
With conſcious worth
All clad in arms,
All bright in charms,
He ſallies forth.

2 Gird

2 Gird on thy conqu'ring ſword,
Aſcend thy ſhining car *,
And march, Almighty Lord,
To wage thy holy war.
Before his wheels,
In glad ſurprize,
Ye vallies riſe,
And ſink, ye hills.

3 Fair truth, and ſmiling love,
And injur'd righteouſneſs
In thy retinue move,
And ſeek from thee redreſs.
Thou in their cauſe
Shalt proſp'rous ride,
And far and wide
Diſpenſe thy laws.

4 Before thine awful face
Millions of foes ſhall fall,
The captives of thy grace,
That grace which conquers all.
The world ſhall know,
Great King of kings,
What wond'rous things
Thine arm can do.

5 Here to my willing ſoul
Bend thy triumphant way;
Here ev'ry foe controul,
And all thy pow'r diſplay.
My heart, thy throne,
Bleſt Jeſus, ſee

* Chariot.

Bows low to thee,
To thee alone.

XLII. *Quietneſs under affliction, a proper acknowledgment of* God. Pſal. xlvi. 10.

PEACE, 'tis the Lord Jehovah's hand,
That blaſts our joys in death;
Changes the viſage once ſo dear,
And gathers back our breath.

'Tis he, the potentate ſupreme
Of all the worlds above,
Whoſe ſteady counſels wiſely rule,
Nor from their purpoſe move.

'Tis he, whoſe juſtice might demand
Our ſouls a ſacrifice;
Yet ſcatters with unwearied hand
A thouſand rich ſupplies.

Our cov'nant-God and Father he
In Chriſt our bleeding Lord;
Whoſe grace can heal the burſting heart
With one reviving word.

Fair garlands of immortal bliſs
He weaves for ev'ry brow;
And ſhall tumultuous paſſions riſe,
If he correct us now?

Silent I own Jehovah's name;
I kiſs thy ſcourging hand;
And yield my comforts, and my life,
To thy ſupreme command.

XLIII. *The year crown'd with the divine goodneſs.* Pſal. lxv. 11.

For New Year's Day.

1 ETERNAL ſource of ev'ry joy!
Well may thy praiſe our lips employ,
While in thy temple we appear,
Whoſe goodneſs crowns the circling year.

2 While as the wheels of nature roll,
Thy hand ſupports the ſteady pole:
The ſun is taught by thee to riſe,
And darkneſs when to veil the ſkies.

3 The flow'ry ſpring at thy command
Embalms the air, and paints the land;
The ſummer-rays with vigour ſhine
To raiſe the corn, and chear the vine.

4 Thy hand in autumn richly pours
Thro' all our coaſts redundant ſtores;
And winters, ſoften'd by thy care,
No more a face of horror wear.

5 Seaſons, and months, and weeks, and days
Demand ſucceſſive ſongs of praiſe;
Still be the chearful homage paid
With op'ning light, and ev'ning ſhade.

6 Here in thy houſe ſhall incenſe riſe,
As circling ſabbaths bleſs our eyes;
Still will we make thy mercies known,
Around thy board, and round our own.

7 O may our more harmonious tongues
In worlds unknown purſue the ſongs;
And in thoſe brighter courts adore,
Where days and years revolve no more.

XLIV. *Rebels againſt the ſupreme Sovereign admoniſhed.* Pſal. lxvi. 7.

1 THE Lord of glory reigns ſupremely great,
And o'er heav'n's arches builds his royal ſeat.
Thro' worlds unknown his ſov'reign ſway extends,
Nor ſpace nor time his boundleſs empire ends.
His eye beholds th' affairs of ev'ry nation,
And reads each thought thro' his immenſe creation.

2 Lightnings and ſtorms his mighty word obey,
And planets roll, where he has mark'd their way:
Unnumber'd Cherubs veil'd before him ſtand,
At his firſt ſignal all their wings expand;
His praiſe gives harmony to all their voices,
And ev'ry heart thro' the full choir* rejoices.

3 Rebellious mortals, ceaſe your tumults vain,
Nor longer ſuch unequal war maintain:
Let clay with fellow-clay in combat ſtrive,
But dread to brave the pow'r, by which you live:
With contrite hearts fall proſtrate and adore him,
For, if he frowns, ye periſh all before him.

* Company of fingers.

XLV. God *the happineſs of his people, and their ſupport in the extremeſt diſtreſs.* Pſal. lxxiii. 25, 26.

1 MY God, whoſe all-pervading * eye
Views earth beneath, and heav'n above,
Witneſs, if here, or there thou ſeeſt
An object of mine equal love.

2 Not the gay ſcenes, where mortal men
Purſue their bliſs, and find their woe,
Detain my riſing heart, which ſprings
The nobler joys of heaven to view.

3 Not all the faireſt ſons of light,
That lead the army round thy throne,
Can bound its flight; it preſſeth on,
And ſeeks its reſt in God alone.

4 Fix'd near th' immortal ſource of bliſs,
Dauntleſs and joyous it ſurveys
Each form of horror and diſtreſs,
That earth, combin'd with hell, can raiſe.

5 This feeble fleſh ſhall faint, and die;
This heart renew its pulſe no more;
Ev'n now it views the moment nigh,
When life's laſt movements all are o'er.

6 But come, thou vanquiſh'd king of dread,
With thy own hand thy pow'r deſtroy;
'Tis thine to bear my ſoul to God,
My portion, and eternal joy.

* All-ſeeing.

XLVI. *The rage of enemies reſtrained, and overruled to the divine glory.* Pſal. lxxvi. 10.

Thankſgiving for the ſuppreſſion of the Rebellion 1746.

1 ACCEPT, great God, thy Britain's ſongs,
While grateful joy unites our tongues,
To own the work thy hand hath done:
Thy hand hath cruſh'd our cruel foes,
When in rebellious troops they roſe,
And ſwore to tread our glory down.

2 With hell confed'rate on their ſide,
People and prince their rage defy'd,
And in proud hope devour'd us all:
Thy hand its banner hath diſplay'd,
Beckon'd its hero to our aid,
And in one day their legions fall.

3 Thus ſhalt thou ſtill maintain thy throne,
And prove, that thou art God alone,
Tho' earth and hell new efforts try;
'Midſt all the tumults they can raiſe,
Envenom'd wrath exalts thy praiſe,
Till huſh'd at thy rebuke it die.

4 So ſwell the ſurges * of the ſea,
And roar in their impetuous way,
As they would deluge earth again:
So ſtrike they on th' unſhaken rock,
Daſh'd by the fierceneſs of their ſhock,
And foam to feel their fury vain.

* Great waves.

XLVII. God *furniſhing a table in the wilderneſs.* Pſal. lxxviii. 19, 20.

1 PARENT of univerſal good,
We own thy bounteous hand,
Which does ſo rich a table ſpread
Ev'n in this deſart land.

2 Struck by thy pow'r, the flinty rocks
In guſhing torrents flow;
The feather'd wand'rers of the air
Thy guiding inſtinct know.

3 The pregnant clouds, at thy command,
Rain down delicious bread;
And by light drops of pearly dew
Are num'rous armies fed.

4 Supported thus, thine Iſrael march'd
The promis'd land to gain:
And ſhall thy children now begin
To ſeek their God in vain?

5 Are all thy ſtores exhauſted now?
Or does thy mercy fail?
That faith ſhould languiſh in our breaſts,
And anxious cares prevail?

6 Ye baſe unworthy fears, be gone,
And wide diſperſe in air;
Then may I feel my Father's rod,
When I ſuſpect his care.

XLVIII. God *ſpeaketh peace to his people.* Pſal. lxxxv. 8.

1 UNITE, my roving thoughts, unite
In ſilence ſoft and ſweet:
And thou, my ſoul, ſit gently down
At thy great Sov'reign's feet.

2 Jehovah's awful voice is heard,
Yet gladly I attend;
For lo! the everlaſting God
Proclaims himſelf my friend.

3 Harmonious accents to my ſoul
The ſounds of peace convey;
The tempeſt at his word ſubſides,
And winds and ſeas obey.

4 By all its joys, I charge my heart,
To grieve his love no more;
But, charm'd by melody divine,
To give its follies o'er.

XLIX. *The church, the birth-place of the ſaints, and* God's *care of it.* Pſal. lxxxvii. 5.

Or opening a new place of worſhip.

1 AND will the great eternal God
On earth eſtabliſh his abode?
And will he from his radiant throne
Avow our temples for his own?

2 We bring the tribute of our praiſe,
And ſing that condeſcending grace,

Which

Which to our notes will lend an ear,
And call us ſinful mortals near.

3 Our Father's watchful care we bleſs,
Which guards our ſynagogues in peace,
That no tumultuous foes invade,
To fill our worſhippers with dread.

4 Theſe walls we to thy honour raiſe;
Long may they echo with thy praiſe;
And thou deſcending fill the place
With choiceſt tokens of thy grace.

5 Here let the great Redeemer reign
With all the graces of his train;
While pow'r divine his word attends
To conquer foes, and chear his friends.

6 And in the great deciſive day,
When God the nations ſhall ſurvey,
May it before the world appear,
That crowds were born to glory here.

L. *The goſpel jubilee.* Pſal. lxxxix. 15. *compared with* Lev. xxv. and Iſa. lxi. 2.

1 LOUD let the tuneful trumpet ſound,
And ſpread the joyful tidings round;
Let ev'ry ſoul with tranſport hear,
And hail the Lord's accepted year.

2 Ye debtors, whom he gives to know,
That you ten thouſand talents owe,
When humbled at his feet ye fall,
Your gracious Lord forgives them all.

3 Slaves,

3 Slaves, that have borne the heavy chain
Of ſin and hell's tyrannic reign,
To liberty aſſert your claim,
And urge the great Redeemer's name.

4 The rich inheritance you loſt,
Reſtor'd, improv'd, you now may boaſt;
Fair Salem your arrival waits,
To golden ſtreets, and pearly gates.

5 Her bleſt inhabitants no more
Bondage and poverty deplore:
No debt, but love immenſely great,
Whoſe joy ſtill riſes with the debt.

6 O happy ſouls that know the ſound!
God's light ſhall all their ſteps furround;
And ſhew that Jubilee begun,
Which thro' eternal years ſhall run.

LI. God *the dwelling-place of his people thro' all generations.* Pſal. xc. 1.

1 THOU, Lord, thro' ev'ry changing ſcene,
Haſt to thy ſaints a refuge been:
Thro' ev'ry age, eternal God,
Their pleaſing home, their ſafe abode.

2 In thee our fathers ſought their reſt;
In thee our fathers ſtill are bleſt;
And while the tomb confines their duſt,
In thee their ſouls abide, and truſt.

3 Lo, we are ris'n, a feeble race,
A while to fill our fathers place;
Our helpleſs ſtate with pity view,
And let us ſhare their refuge too.

4 Thro'

4 Thro' all the thorny paths we trace
In this uncertain wilderneſs,
When friends deſert, and foes invade,
Revive our heart, and guard our head.

5 So when this pilgrimage is o'er,
And we muſt dwell in fleſh no more,
To thee our ſep'rate ſouls ſhall come,
And find in thee a ſurer home.

6 To thee our infant race we leave:
Them may their fathers God receive;
That voices yet unform'd may raiſe
Succeeding hymns of humble praiſe.

LII. *Reflections on our waſte of years.* Pſal. xc. 9.

For New Year's Day.

1 REMARK, my ſoul, the narrow bounds
Of the revolving year!
How ſwift the weeks complete their rounds!
How ſhort the months appear!

2 So faſt eternity comes on,
And that important day,
When all, that mortal life has done,
God's judgment ſhall ſurvey.

3 Yet like an idle tale we paſs
The ſwift advancing year;
And ſtudy artful ways t' increaſe
The ſpeed of its career.

4 Waken, O God, my trifling heart
Its great concern to ſee;
That I may act the Chriſtian part,
And give the year to thee.

5 So

So ſhall their courſe more grateful roll,
If future years ariſe;
Or this ſhall bear my ſmiling ſoul
To joy, that never dies.

III. *Joy and proſperity from the preſence and bleſſing of* God. Pſal. xc. 17.

SHINE on our ſouls, eternal God,
With rays of beauty ſhine:
O let thy favour crown our days,
And all their round be thine.

Did we not raiſe our hands to thee,
Our hearts might toil in vain;
Small joy ſucceſs itſelf could give,
If thou thy love reſtrain.

With thee let ev'ry week begin,
With thee each day be ſpent,
For thee each fleeting hour improv'd,
Since each by thee is lent.

Thus chear us thro' this deſart road,
Till all our labours ceaſe;
And heaven refreſh our weary ſouls
With everlaſting peace.

IV. *The mutability of the creation, and the immutability of* God. Pſal. cii. 25—28.

GREAT former of this various frame,
Our ſouls adore thine awful name;
And bow and tremble, while they praiſe
The Ancient of eternal days.

2 Thou, Lord, with unſurpris'd ſurvey,
Saw'ſt nature riſing yeſterday;
And, as to-morrow, ſhall thine eye
See earth and ſtars in ruin lie.

3 Beyond an angel's viſion bright,
Thou dwell'ſt in ſelf-exiſtent light;
Which ſhines with undiminiſh'd ray,
While ſuns and worlds in ſmoke decay.

4 Our days a tranſient period run,
And change with ev'ry circling ſun;
And in the firmeſt ſtate we boaſt,
A moth can cruſh us into duſt.

5 But let the creatures fall around:
Let death conſign us to the ground:
Let the laſt gen'ral flame ariſe,
And melt the arches of the ſkies:

6 Calm as the ſummer's ocean, we,
Can all the wreck * of nature ſee,
While grace ſecures us an abode,
Unſhaken as the throne of God.

* Deſtruction.

LV. *The frailty of human nature, and* God's *gracious regard to it.* Pſal. ciii. 14.

1 LORD, we adore thy wond'rous name,
And make that name our truſt,
Which rais'd at firſt this curious frame,
From mean and lifeleſs duſt.

2 By duſt ſupported, ſtill it ſtands,
Wrought up to various forms,
Prepar'd by thy creating hands
To nouriſh mortal worms.

Awhile theſe frail machines endure,
The fabric of a day;
Then know their vital pow'rs no more,
But moulder back to clay.

Yet, Lord, whate'er is felt or fear'd,
This thought is our repoſe,
That he, by whom this frame was rear'd,
Its various weakneſs knows.

Thou view'ſt us with a pitying eye,
While ſtruggling with our load;
In pains and dangers thou art nigh,
Our Father, and our God.

Gently ſupported by thy love,
We tend to realms of peace;
Where ev'ry pain ſhall far remove,
And ev'ry frailty ceaſe.

LVI. God *adored for his goodneſs, and his wonderful works to the children of men.* Pſal. cvii. 31.

YE ſons of men, with joy record
The various wonders of the Lord;
And let his pow'r and goodneſs ſound
Thro' all your tribes the earth around.

Let the high heav'ns your ſongs invite,
Thoſe ſpacious fields of brilliant light;
Where ſun, and moon, and planets roll,
And ſtars, that glow from pole to pole.

Sing earth in verdant robes array'd,
Its herbs and flow'rs, its fruit and ſhade;

Peopled with life of various forms,
Fishes and fowl, and beasts and worms.

4 View the broad sea's majestic plains,
And think how wide its Maker reigns;
That hand remotest nations joins,
And on each wave his goodness shines.

5 But O! that brighter world above,
Where lives and reigns incarnate love!
God's only Son in flesh array'd,
For man a bleeding victim * made.

6 Thither, my soul, with rapture soar;
There in the land of praise adore;
This theme demands an angel's lay †,
Demands an undeclining day.

* Sacrifice. † Song.

LVII. *The holy soul returning to its rest in a grateful sense of divine bounties.* Psal. cxvi.

1 RETURN, my soul, and seek thy rest
Upon thy heav'nly Father's breast:
Indulge me, Lord, in that repose,
The soul which loves thee only knows.

2 Lodg'd in thine arms, I fear no more
The tempest's howl, the billow's roar:
Those storms must shake the Almighty's seat,
Which violate the saint's retreat.

3 Thy bounties, Lord, to me surmount
The pow'r of language to recount;
From morning-dawn, the setting sun
Sees but my work of praise begun.

4 The mercies, all my moments bring,
Aſk an eternity to ſing;
What thanks thoſe mercies can ſuffice,
Which through eternity ſhall riſe?

5 Rich in ten thouſand gifts poſſeſs'd,
In future hopes more richly bleſs'd,
I'll ſit and ſing till death ſhall raiſe
A note of more proportion'd praiſe.

LVIII. *Deliverance celebrated.* Pſal. cxvi. 8.

1 LOOK back, my ſoul, with grateful love,
On what thy God has done;
Praiſe him for his unnumber'd gifts,
And praiſe him for his Son.

2 How oft hath his indulgent hand
My flowing eye-lids dried,
And reſcu'd from impending death,
When I in danger cried!

3 When on the bed of death I lay,
With ſickneſs ſore oppreſs'd,
How oft hath he aſſuaged my grief,
And lull'd my eyes to reſt!

4 Back from deſtruction's yawning pit
At his command I came;
He fed th' expiring lamp anew,
And rais'd its feeble flame.

5 My broken ſpirit he hath chear'd,
When torn with inward grief;
And when temptations preſs'd me ſore,
Hath brought me ſwift relief.

6 My ſoul from everlaſting death
Is by his mercy brought,
To tell in Zion's ſacred gates
The wonders he hath wrought.

7 Still will I walk before his face,
While he this life prolongs;
Till grace ſhall all its work complete,
And teach me heav'nly ſongs.

LIX. *Deliverance celebrated, and good reſolutions formed.* Pſal. cxvi. 8, 9.

1 GREAT ſource of life, our ſouls confeſs
The various riches of thy grace;
Crown'd with thy mercy we rejoice,
And in thy praiſe exalt our voice.

2 By thee heav'n's ſhining arch was ſpread;
By thee were earth's foundations laid,
And all the charms of men's abode
Proclaim the wiſe, the gracious God.

3 Thy tender hand reſtores our breath,
When trembling on the verge of death;
Gently it wipes away our tears,
And lengthens life to future years.

4 Theſe lives are ſacred to the Lord;
Kindled by him, by him reſtor'd;
And while our hours renew their race,
Still would we walk before his face.

5 So when by him our ſouls are led
Thro' unknown regions of the dead,

With

With joy triumphant ſhall they move
To ſeats of nobler life above.

LX. *Praiſe for recovery from ſickneſs.* Pſalm cxviii. 18, 19.

1 SOV'REIGN of life, I own thy hand
In ev'ry chaſt'ning ſtroke;
And while I ſmart beneath thy rod,
Thy preſence I invoke.

2 To thee in my diſtreſs I cried,
And thou haſt bow'd thine ear;
Thy pow'rful word my life prolong'd,
And brought ſalvation near.

3 Unfold, ye gates of righteouſneſs,
That with the pious throng,
I may record my ſolemn vows,
And tune my grateful ſong.

4 Praiſe to the Lord, whoſe gentle hand
Renews our lab'ring breath:
Praiſe to the Lord, who makes his ſaints
Triumphant ev'n in death.

5 My God, in thine appointed hour
Thoſe heav'nly gates diſplay,
Where pain and ſin, and fear and death
For ever flee away.

6 There, while the nations of the bleſs'd
With raptures bow around,
My anthems to deliv'ring grace
In ſweeter ſtrains ſhall ſound.

LXI. *Regard to ſcripture preſſed upon young perſons, that they may cleanſe their way.* Pſal. cxix. 9.

1 INDULGENT God, with pitying eye
The ſons of men ſurvey,
And ſee how youthful ſinners ſport
In a deſtructive way.

2 Ten thouſand dangers lurk around
To bear them to the tomb;
Each in an hour may plunge them down,
Where hope can never come.

3 Reduce, O Lord, their wand'ring minds,
Amus'd with airy dreams,
That heav'nly wiſdom may diſpel
Their viſionary ſchemes.

4 With holy caution may they walk,
And be thy word their guide;
Till each, the deſart ſafely paſs'd,
On Zion's hill abide.

LXII. *Deſires of being quickened by the word of* God. Pſal. cxix. 25.

1 WITH pity, Lord, thy ſervant view,
As in the duſt I lie,
Nor while I raiſe my plaintive * voice,
Diſdain the broken cry.

2 Fain would I mount on eagles wings,
And view thy lovely face;

* Mournful.

But

But cumb'rous burdens drag me down
From thine ador'd embrace.

3 Thy quick'ning energy diffuſe
O'er all my inmoſt frame;
And animate theſe languid lips
To celebrate thy name.

4 Thy living word has wonders wrought;
Thoſe wonders here renew;
And pour freſh vigour thro' my ſoul,
While I its glories view.

5 From thee, great ever-flowing ſpring,
Let vital ſtreams deſcend;
And chear me to begin theſe ſongs,
Which death ſhall never end.

LXIII. *Human perfection no where to be found.* Pſal. cxix. 96.

1 PERFECTION! 'tis an empty name,
Nor can repay our cares;
And he that ſeeks it here below,
Muſt end the ſearch with tears.

2 Great David on his royal throne,
The beauteous, and the ſtrong,
Rich in the ſpoils of conquer'd foes,
Amidſt the applauding throng;

3 With all the mind's capacious pow'rs,
Purſu'd the ſhade in vain;
Nor heard it his melodious voice,
Or harp's angelic ſtrain.

4 From public to domeſtic ſcenes
Th' impatient monarch turns;
The friend, the huſband, and the ſire *
In ſad ſucceſſion mourns.

5 At length thy law, eternal God,
He thro' his tears deſcries ‡,
And wrapt amidſt thoſe ſacred folds,
He finds the heav'nly prize.

6 There will I ſeek perfection too,
Where David's God is known;
Nor envy, with this volume bleſt,
His treaſures and his throne.

* Father. ‡ Diſcerns.

LXIV. *Beholding tranſgreſſions with grief.* Pſal. cxix. 136, 158.

1 ARISE, my tend'reſt thoughts, ariſe;
To torrents melt my ſtreaming eyes;
And thou, my heart, with anguiſh feel
Thoſe evils, which thou canſt not heal.

2 See human nature ſunk in ſhame;
See ſcandals pour'd on Jeſus' name;
The Father wounded thro' the Son;
The world abus'd, the ſoul undone.

3 See the ſhort courſe of vain delight
Cloſing in everlaſting night;
In flames that no abatement know,
Tho' briny tears for ever flow.

4 My God, I feel the mournful ſcene;
My bowels yearn o'er dying men;

And

And fain my pity would reclaim,
And ſnatch the firebrands from the flame.

3 But feeble my compaſſion proves,
And can but weep, where moſt it loves;
Thy own all-ſaving arm employ,
And turn theſe drops of grief to joy.

LXV. *The wandering ſheep recovered.* Pſal. cxix. 176.

1 LORD, we have wander'd from the way,
Like fooliſh ſheep, we've gone aſtray;
Our pleaſant paſtures we have left,
And of their guard our ſouls bereft *.

2 Expos'd to want, expos'd to harm,
Far from our gentle ſhepherd's arm;
Nor will theſe fatal wand'rings ceaſe,
Till thou reveal the paths of peace.

3 O ſeek thy thoughtleſs ſervants, Lord,
Nor let us quite forget thy word;
Our erring ſouls do thou reſtore,
And keep us, that we ſtray no more.

* Deprived.

LXVI. *The weeping ſeed-time, and joyful harveſt.* Pſal. cxxvi. 5, 6.

1 THE darken'd ſky, how thick it lours!
Troubled with ſtorms, and big with ſhow'rs;
No chearful gleam of light appears,
But nature pours forth all her tears.

2 Yet

2 Yet let the ſons of grace revive;
God bids the ſoul, that ſeeks him, live;
And from the gloomieſt ſhade of night
Calls forth a morning of delight.

3 The ſeeds of extacy unknown,
Are in theſe water'd furrows ſown;
See the green blades, how thick they riſe,
And with freſh verdure bleſs our eyes.

4 In ſecret foldings they contain
Unnumber'd ears of golden grain;
And heav'n ſhall pour its beams around,
Till the ripe harveſt load the ground.

5 Then ſhall the trembling mourner come,
And find his ſheaves, and bear them home:
The voice long broke with ſighs ſhall ſing,
Till heav'n with Hallelujah's ring.

LXVII. *Thanks to* God *for his ever-enduring goodneſs.* Pſal. cxxxvi. 1.

For New Year's Day.

1 HOUSE of our God, with chearful anthems ring,
While all our lips and hearts his graces ſing:
The op'ning year his graces ſhall proclaim,
And all its days be vocal with his name.
The Lord is good, his mercy never ending;
His bleſſings in perpetual ſhow'rs deſcending.

2 The heav'n of heav'ns he with his bounty fills:
Ye Seraphs bright on ever-blooming hills,
His

His honours ſound; you to whom good alone,
Unmingled, ever-growing, has been known.
Thro' your immortal life, with love increaſing,
Proclaim your Maker's goodneſs never ceaſing.

Thou earth, enlighten'd by his rays divine,
Pregnant with graſs, and corn, and oil, and wine, (meet,
Crown'd with his goodneſs, let thy nations
And lay their crowns at his paternal feet:
With grateful love that lib'ral hand confeſſing,
Which thro' each heart diffuſeth ev'ry bleſſing.

Zion enrich'd with his diſtinguiſh'd grace,
Bleſt with the rays of thine Emanuel's face,
Zion, Jehovah's portion, and delight,
Grav'n on his hands, and hourly in his ſight,
In ſacred ſtrains exalt that grace excelling,
Which makes thy humble hill his choſen dwelling.

His mercy never ends: the dawn, the ſhade
Still ſee new bounties thro' new ſcenes diſplay'd:
Succeeding ages bleſs this ſure abode,
And children lean upon their fathers God.
The deathleſs ſoul thro' its immenſe duration,
Drinks from this ſource immortal conſolation.

Burſt into praiſe, my ſoul; all nature join;
Angels and men in harmony combine:
While human years are meaſur'd by the ſun,
And while eternity its courſe ſhall run,

His

His goodneſs, in perpetual ſhow'rs deſcending
Exalt in ſongs, and raptures never-ending.

LXVIII. God *ſtrengthening the ſouls of his praying people.* Pſal. cxxxviii. 3.

1 MY ſoul, review the trembling days,
In which my God I ſought:
I cry'd aloud for aid divine,
And aid divine he brought.

2 Thro' all my weak and fainting heart
His ſecret ſtrength he ſpread,
And claſp'd me in his arms of love,
And rais'd my drooping head.

3 He call'd himſelf my cov'nant-God,
His promiſes he ſhew'd;
And wide diſplay'd their ſolemn ſeal
In the great ſurety's blood.

4 I heard his people ſhout around,
And join'd their chearful ſong;
And ſaw from far the ſhining ſeats,
Which to his ſaints belong.

5 My God, what inward ſtrength thou giv'ſt,
I to thy ſervice vow;
And in thy ſtrength would upward march,
Till at thy throne I bow.

LXIX. *Singing in the ways of* God. Pſalm cxxxviii. 5.

1 NOW let our voices join,
To form one pleaſant ſong:
Ye pilgrims in Jehovah's ways,
With muſic paſs along.

2 How

How ſtraight the path appears!
How open, and how fair!
No lurking gins t' entrap our feet;
No fierce deſtroyer there.

But flow'rs of paradiſe
In rich profuſion ſpring;
The ſun of glory gilds the path,
And dear companions ſing.

See Salem's golden ſpires
In beauteous proſpect riſe;
And brighter crowns than mortals wear,
Which ſparkle thro' the ſkies.

All honour to his name,
Who drew the ſhining trace,
To him, who leads the wand'rers on,
And chears them with his grace.

Reduce the nations, Lord,
Teach all their kings thy ways,
That earth's full choir the notes may ſwell,
And heav'n reſound the praiſe.

LXX. *The innumerable mercies of* God *thankfully acknowledged.* Pſal. cxxxix. 17, 18.

IN glad amazement, Lord, I ſtand;
Amidſt the bounties of thy hand;
How numberleſs thoſe bounties are!
How rich, how various, and how fair!

But O! what poor returns I make!
What lifeleſs thanks I pay thee back!

Lord, I confeſs with humble ſhame,
My off'rings ſcarce deſerve the name.

3 Fain would my lab'ring heart deviſe
To bring ſome nobler ſacrifice:
It ſinks beneath the mighty load:
What ſhall I render to my God?

4 To him I conſecrate my praiſe,
And vow the remnant of my days;
Yet what at beſt can I pretend
Worthy ſuch gifts from ſuch a friend?

5 In deep abaſement, Lord, I ſee
My emptineſs and poverty:
Enrich my ſoul with grace divine,
And make it worthier to be thine.

6 Give me at length an angel's tongue,
That heav'n may echo with my ſong;
The theme, too great for time, ſhall be
The joy of long eternity.

LXXI. *Praiſing* God *through the whole of our exiſtence.* Pſal. cxlvi. 2.

1 GOD of my life, thro' all its days
My grateful pow'rs ſhall found thy praiſe;
The ſong ſhall wake with op'ning light,
And warble to the ſilent night.

2 When anxious cares would break my reſt,
And griefs would tear my throbbing breaſt,
Thy tuneful praiſes rais'd on high,
Shall check the murmur and the ſigh.

3 When death o'er nature ſhall prevail,
And all its pow'rs of language fail,
Joy thro' my ſwimming eyes ſhall break,
And mean the thanks I cannot ſpeak.

4 But O! when that laſt conflict's o'er,
And I am chain'd to fleſh no more,
With what glad accents ſhall I riſe,
To join the muſic of the ſkies!

5 Soon ſhall I learn th' exalted ſtrains,
Which echo o'er the heav'nly plains;
And emulate, with joy unknown,
The glowing Seraphs round thy throne.

6 The chearful tribute will I give,
Long as a deathleſs ſoul can live;
A work ſo ſweet, a theme ſo high,
Demands, and crowns eternity.

LXXII. *The meek beautified with ſalvation.* Pſal. cxlix. 4.

1 YE humble ſouls rejoice,
And chearful triumphs ſing;
Wake all your harmony of voice;
For Jeſus is your king.

2 That meek and lowly Lord,
Whom here your ſouls have known,
Pledges the honour of his word
T' avow you for his own.

3 He brings ſalvation near,
For which his blood was paid:
How beauteous ſhall your ſouls appear
Thus ſumptuouſly array'd!

4 Sing, for the day is nigh,
When near your leader's ſeat
The talleſt ſons of pride ſhall lie,
The footſtool of your feet.

5 Salvation, Lord, is thine;
And all thy ſaints confeſs,
The royal robes, in which they ſhine,
Were wrought by ſov'reign grace.

LXXIII. *The reproofs of wiſdom mingled with promiſes and threatnings, to reclaim wandering ſinners.* Prov. i. 23.

1 HARK! for 'tis wiſdom's voice,
That breaks in gentle ſound:
Liſten, ye ſons of earth and ſin,
And gather all around.

2 What tho' ſhe ſpeaks rebukes,
That pierce the ſoul with ſmart;
True love thro' all her chaſt'nings runs,
By pain to mend the heart.

3 "Ye that have wander'd long
"In ſin's deſtructive ways,
"Turn, turn," the heav'nly charmer cries
"And ſeize the offer'd grace.

4 "I know your ſouls are weak,
"And mortal efforts vain
"To grapple with the prince of hell,
"And break his curſed chain.

5 "But I'll my Spirit pour
"In torrents from above,

"To

" To arm you with ſuperior ſtrength,
" And melt your hearts in love.

6 " Come, while theſe offers laſt,
" Ye ſinners, and be wiſe;
" He lives, who hears this friendly call,
" But he that ſlights it, dies."

LXXIV. *The voice of* Chriſt *addreſſed to the children of men.* Prov. viii. 4.

NOW let the liſt'ning world around
In ſilent rev'rence hear;
While from on high the Saviour's voice
Thus ſtrikes the attentive ear.

2 " To you, O ſons of men, I call,
" And from my lofty throne
" Reclin'd in gentle pity bow
" To bring ſalvation down.

3 " Ye thoughtleſs ſinners, hear my voice,
" Attend my words and live;
" My words conduct to ſolid joys,
" And endleſs bleſſings give.

4 " Each faithful miniſter is ſent
" This meſſage to proclaim;
" In ev'ry various providence
" The language is the ſame.

5 " And could the pale forgotten dead,
" Tho' deep in duſt they lie,
" Ariſe in viſionary crowds,
" They'd join the ſolemn cry.

6 " Forgetful mortals, yet be wiſe,
" While o'er the grave ye ſtand;
" Leſt long-neglected love provoke
" The vengeance of my hand.

7 " In glad ſubmiſſion bow ye down,
" Nor ſteel that ſtubborn heart;
" Till mine inexorable voice
" Pronounce the word, Depart."

8 Bleſt Jeſus, may thy Spirit breathe
On ſouls, which elſe muſt die;
For, till thy grace reflect the ſound
Thy word in vain will cry.

LXXV. *The encouragement young perſons have to ſeek, and love* Chriſt. Prov. viii. 17.

1 YE hearts with youthful vigour warm,
In ſmiling crowds draw near,
And turn from ev'ry mortal charm,
A Saviour's voice to hear.

2 He, Lord of all the worlds on high,
Stoops to converſe with you;
And lays his radiant glories by,
Your friendſhip to purſue.

3 " The ſoul, that longs to ſee my face,
" Is ſure my love to gain;
" And thoſe that early ſeek my grace,
" Shall never ſeek in vain."

4 What object, Lord, my ſoul ſhould move,
If once compar'd with thee?
What beauty ſhould command my love,
Like what in Chriſt I ſee?

5 Away,

3 Away, ye falſe deluſive toys,
Vain tempters of the mind!
'Tis here I fix my laſting choice,
And here true bliſs I find.

LXXVI. *The houſe and feaſt of wiſdom.* Prov. ix. 1—6.

1 SEE the fair ſtructure wiſdom rears,
Her meſſengers attend;
And charm'd by her perſuaſive voice,
To her your footſteps bend.

2 Hear me, ye ſimple ones (ſhe cries)
"That lur'd * by folly ſtray,
"And languiſh to eternal death
"In her deteſted way.

3 "Enter my hoſpitable gate,
"And all my banquet ſhare;
"For heav'nly wine ſurrounds my board,
"And angels food is there.

4 "Freely of every dainty taſte;
"Taſte, and for ever live;
"And mingle with your joys the hopes
"Of all a God can give.

5 "But if ſeduc'd by folly's arts,
"Ye ſeek her pois'nous food;
"Know, that the dreadful moment haſtes,
"Which pays the feaſt with blood."

* Seduced.

LXXVII.

LXXVII. *The excellency of the righteous, with regard to their temper.* Prov. xii. 26. Part 1.

1 HOW glorious, Lord, art thou!
How bright thy ſplendors ſhine!
Whoſe rays reflected gild thy ſaints
With ornaments divine.

2 With lowlineſs and love,
Wiſdom and courage meet;
The grateful heart, the chearful eye,
How rev'rend and how ſweet!

3 In beauties ſuch as theſe,
Thy children now are dreſt;
But brighter habits ſhall they wear
In regions of the bleſt.

4 In nature's barren ſoil,
Who could ſuch glories raiſe?
We own, O God, the work is thine,
And thine be all the praiſe.

LXXVIII. *The excellency of the righteous, with regard to their relations, employments, pleaſures, and hopes.* Prov. xii. 26. Part 2.

1 O ISRAEL, thou art bleſt;
Who may with thee compare!
Thine excellencies ſtand confeſs'd;
How bright thy glories are!

2 O God of Iſrael, hear,
And make this bliſs our own;
Make us the children of thy care,
The members of thy Son.

3 Thus

Thus honour'd, thus employ'd,
By theſe great motives fir'd,
Be paradiſe on earth enjoy'd,
And brighter hopes inſpir'd.

4 Thy people, Lord, we love;
Their God our ſouls embrace;
So may we find in worlds above
Among thy ſaints a place.

LXXIX. *Walking with* God; *or being in his fear all the day long.* Prov. xxiii. 17.

1 THRICE happy ſouls, who born from heav'n,
While yet they ſojourn here,
Thus all their days with God begin,
And ſpend them in his fear!

2 So may our eyes with holy zeal
Prevent the dawning day;
And turn the ſacred pages * o'er,
And praiſe thy name and pray.

3 'Midſt hourly cares may love preſent
Its incenſe to thy throne;
And while the world our hands employs,
Our hearts be thine alone.

4 As ſanctified to nobleſt ends
Be each refreſhment ſought;
And by each various providence
Some wiſe inſtruction brought.

* The holy ſcriptures.

5 When

5 When to laborious duties call'd,
Or by temptations try'd,
We'll ſeek the ſhelter of thy wings,
And in thy ſtrength confide.

6 As diff'rent ſcenes of life ariſe,
Our grateful hearts would be
With thee, amidſt the ſocial band,
In ſolitude with thee.

7 At night we lean our weary heads
On thy paternal breaſt;
And ſafely folded in thine arms,
Reſign our pow'rs to reſt.

8 In ſolid pure delights, like theſe,
Let all my days be paſt;
Nor ſhall I then impatient wiſh,
Nor ſhall I fear the laſt.

LXXX. *The obſtinate ſinner alarmed.* Prov. xxix. 1.

1 NOW let the ſons of Belial * hear
The thunders of the Lord;
Unfold their long rebellious ear,
And tremble at his word.

2 Now let the iron ſinew bow,
And take his eaſy yoke;
Leſt ſudden vengeance lay it low
By one reſiſtleſs ſtroke.

3 Tho' yet the great Phyſician wait,
And healing balm be found,

* Diſobedient rebellious perſons.

One

One hour may ſeal their endleſs fate,
And fix a deadly wound.

Swift may thy mercy, Lord, ariſe,
Ere juſtice ſtop their breath;
And lighten thoſe deluded eyes,
That ſleep the ſleep of death.

XXXI. God's *reaſonable expectations from his vineyard.* Iſa. v. 1—7.

THE vineyard of the Lord, how fair!
Planted by his peculiar care:
Behold its branches ſpread, and fill
The borders of his ſacred hill.

His eye hath mark'd the choſen ground;
His mighty hand hath fenc'd it round;
His ſervants by his order wait,
To watch and aid its tender ſtate.

But when the vintage he demands
For all the labour of their hands,
What cluſters doth his vine produce?
The grapes are wild, and ſour the juice.

Well might he tear its fence away,
And leave it to the beaſts of prey,
Might give it to the wild again,
And charge his clouds to ceaſe their rain.

But ſpare our land, our churches ſpare,
Thy vengeance long-provok'd forbear;
Let the true vine its influence give,
And bid our with'ring branches live.

LXXXII. Iſaiah's *obedience to the heavenly viſion.* Iſa. vi. 8.

1 OUR God aſcends his lofty throne,
Array'd in Majeſty unknown;
His luſtre all the temple fills,
And ſpreads o'er all th' ethereal * hills.

2 The holy, holy, holy Lord,
By all the Seraphim ador'd,
And while they ſtand beneath his ſeat,
They veil their faces, and their feet.

3 And can a ſinful worm endure
The preſence of a God ſo pure?
Or theſe polluted lips proclaim
The honours of ſo grand a name?

4 O for thine altar's glowing coal
To touch my lips, to fire my ſoul,
To purge the ſordid droſs away,
And into cryſtal turn my clay!

5 Then, if a meſſenger thou aſk,
A lab'rer for the hardeſt taſk,
Thro' all my weakneſs and my fear,
Love ſhall reply, "Thy ſervant's here."

6 Nor ſhould my willing ſoul complain,
Tho' all its efforts ſeem'd in vain;
Its ample recompence ſhall be,
But to have wrought, my God, for thee.

* Heavenly.

LXXXIII. *The ſtupidity of* Iſrael, *and of* Britain *lamented.* Iſa. vi. 9—12.

For a Faſt-Day.

1 LORD, when thine Iſrael we ſurvey,
We in their crimes diſcern our own;
And if thou turn our pray'r away,
Our mis'ry muſt, like theirs, be known.

2 To us thy prophets have been ſent
With words of terror and of love;
But not the vengeance, nor the grace,
Ten thouſand ſtubborn hearts will move.

3 Our eyes are blind, and deaf our ears;
Our hearts are harden'd into ſtone;
As we would bar thy mercy out,
And leave a way for wrath alone.

4 Juſtly our God might give us up
To plague and famine and the ſword;
Till towns and cities, rich and fair,
Lay deſolate without a Lord.

5 O'er bleeding wounds of ſlaughter'd friends
Rivers of helpleſs grief might flow,
Till the fierce conqu'ror's haughty rage
Dragg'd us to chains and ſlaughter too.

6 But ſpare a nation long thy own,
And ſhew new miracles of grace;
'Tis thine to heal the deaf and blind,
And wake the dead to life and praiſe.

LXXXIV. *Confederate nations defied by those who ſanctify* God. Iſa. viii. 9—14.

For a Faſt-Day.

1 GREAT God of hoſts, attend our pray'r
And make the Britiſh Iſles thy care:
To thee we raiſe our ſuppliant cries,
When angry nations round us riſe.

2 Fain would they tread our glory down,
And in the duſt defile our crown,
Deluge our houſes with our blood,
And burn the temples of our God.

3 But 'midſt the thunder of their rage,
We thy protection would engage:
O raiſe thy ſaving arm on high,
And bring renew'd deliv'rance nigh.

4 May Britain, as one man, be led
To make the Lord her fear and dread;
Our ſouls no other fear ſhall know,
Tho' earth were leagu'd with hell below.

5 Give ear, ye countries from afar:
Ye proud aſſociate nations hear;
While fix'd on him, who rules the ſky,
Our hearts your threat'ned war defy.

6 Ye people, gird yourſelves in vain,
Your ſcatter'd force unite again;
Again ſhall all that force be broke,
When God with us ſhall deal the ſtroke.

7 Now he records our humble tears,
With ardent vows for future years,

And

And deſtines for approaching days
Victorious ſhouts, and ſongs of praiſe.

Emanuel's land ſhall ſafe remain,
Bleſt with its Saviour's gentle reign;
Till ev'ry hoſtile rumour ceaſe
In the fair realms of perfect peace.

LXXXV. Chriſt *the ſteward of* God's *family.*
Iſa. xxii. 22—24. *compared with* Rev. iii. 7.

WITH what delight I raiſe my eyes,
And view the courts where Jeſus dwells!
Jeſus, who reigns beyond the ſkies,
And here below his grace reveals.

Of David's royal houſe the key
Is borne by that majeſtic hand;
Manſions and treaſures there I ſee,
Subjected all to his command.

He ſhuts, and worlds might ſtrive in vain
The mighty obſtacle to move;
He looſes all their bars again,
And who ſhall ſhut the gates of love?

Fix'd in omnipotence he bears
The glories of his Father's name,
Suſtains his people's weighty cares,
Thro' ev'ry changing age the ſame.

My little all I there ſuſpend,
Where the whole weight of heav'n is hung:
Secure I reſt on ſuch a friend,
And into rapture wake my tongue.

LXXXVI. *The rich provision and happy effects of the gospel.* Isa. xxv. 6—9.

1 BEHOLD our God, he owns his name;
Jehovah all our songs proclaim
With shouts of wonder and of joy:
Long have we waited for his grace,
No longer now his love delays
For Zion his own arm t' employ.

2 We charge our souls the joy to feel;
We charge our tongues his praise to tell:
Th' Almighty Saviour! This is he!
He pours his streams of grace abroad,
Till all the earth confess the God,
And lands remote his glory see.

3 Dainties how rich his stores afford!
How pure the wine that crowns his board,
While welcome nations flock around!
He takes the veil of grief away;
Thro' thickest shades he darts the day,
And not one weeping eye is found.

4 All-conqu'ring death, no longer boast
O'er millions humbled in the dust;
Our God with scorn thy triumph sees:
Soon as he aims one shaft * at thee,
Swallow'd and lost in victory,
Thine empire and thy name shall cease.

* Arrow.

LXXXVII. *The peaceful ſtate of the ſoul that truſteth in* God. Iſa. xxvi. 3.

1 WEARY and weak and faint,
I caſt mine eyes around;
My joints all tremble, and my feet
Sink deep in miry ground.

2 Deſpairing help below,
To heav'n I raiſe my cries;
God hears, and his almighty arm
Out-ſtretches from the ſkies.

3 I on that arm repoſe,
And all my fears are o'er;
New ſtrength diffus'd thro' all my ſoul
Atteſts its vital pow'r.

4 My mind in perfect peace
Thy guardian care ſhall keep:
I'll yield to gentle ſlumbers now,
For thou canſt never ſleep.

5 Happy the ſouls alone
On thee ſecurely ſtay'd!
Nor ſhall they be in life alarm'd,
Nor be in death diſmay'd.

LXXXVIII. Iſrael's *obſtinacy under* God's *lifted hand.* Iſa. xxvi. 11.

1 LORD, when thy hand is lifted up,
The wicked will not ſee:
But they ſhall ſee with glowing ſhame,
Tho' they obdurate be.

2 How few the weighty ſtroke regard,
And ſeek their Maker's face!
In vain may providence correct,
If not enforc'd by grace.

3 Exert thy mighty influence, Lord,
And melt the ſtony breaſt;
Then ſhall thy juſtice be ador'd,
Thy mercy ſtand confeſs'd.

4 The ſcorner then ſhall mourn in duſt,
And put his ſins away,
No more reſiſt his Maker's hands,
But lift his own to pray.

LXXXIX. God *quickening the dead.* Iſaiah xxvi. 19.

1 THE ever-living God
Th' expiring church ſhall raiſe;
Our hearts his promiſes receive,
And wake a ſhout of praiſe.

2 Death ſhall not always reign,
Where grace hath fix'd his throne;
His ſoft compaſſion views the duſt
He once hath call'd his own.

3 "Yes," ſaith the God of truth,
"My dead ſhall live again;
"The foe ſhall ſee their leader's breath
"Reanimate the ſlain.

4 "The dew of heaven ſhall fall
"In rich abundance round,
"And a redundant harveſt riſe
"To clothe the teeming ground.

5 "Now

" Now from your duſt awake,
" And burſt into a ſong;
" Then ſpurn the earth, and mount the ſkies
" In a triumphant throng."

Thy Zion, Lord, believes
A promiſe ſo divine,
And looks thro' all her flowing tears
To ſee the glory ſhine.

XC. *The godly man's ark.* Iſa. xxvi. 20.

IT is my Father's voice;
And O! how ſweet the ſound!
It makes my inmoſt pow'rs rejoice,
My trembling heart rebound.

" Mark, the black tempeſt lours,
" And gathers round the ſky;
" Retire and ſhun the ſweeping ſhow'rs
" Of indignation nigh.

" Come, my dear children, come,
" And ſeek your Father's arms;
" There is your ſhelter, there your home,
" 'Midſt all theſe dire alarms.

" Enter at his command;
" Cloſe in your ark remain;
" And wait the ſignal of his hand
" To call you forth again.

" The moments to beguile,
" A chearful ſong begin;
" Nor let the roaring thunders ſpoil
" The harmony within.

6 " Ere

6 " Ere long the ſky ſhall clear,
" The clouds be chas'd away,
" And grace ſhall ſhine in radiance fair
" Thro' an eternal day."

XCI. *Laying hold on* God's *ſtrength, that we may be at peace with him.* Iſa. xxvii. 5.

1 THUS ſaith Jehovah from his ſeat,
" Who ſhall preſume my wrath to meet?
" What rebel men or angels dare
" To wage with me unequal war?

2 " Cloſe let the thorns and briars ſtand,
" In thick array on either hand;
" Forth ſhall my flaming terrors fly;
" At once they kindle, blaze, and die.

3 Preſumptuous ſinners, yet be wiſe
" Ere this o'erwhelming ruin riſe;
" Your vain tumultuous efforts ceaſe,
" And ſeek in ſuppliant crowds for peace."

4 Great God, we bleſs the gentle ſound,
And bow ſubmiſſive to the ground;
Thy proſtrate foes let pity raiſe,
And form a people to thy praiſe.

5 His thund'ring ſtorms are ſilent now;
Calm are the terrors of his brow,
Since Jeſus makes the Father known,
Our guardian ſhield, our chearing ſun.

XCII. *The divine goodneſs in moderating afflictions.* Iſa. xxvii. 8.

1 GREAT ruler of all nature's frame,
We own thy pow'r divine:
We hear thy breath in ev'ry ſtorm,
For all the winds are thine.

2 Wide as they ſweep their ſounding way,
They work thy ſov'reign will;
And aw'd by thy majeſtic voice
Confuſion ſhall be ſtill.

3 Thy mercy tempers * ev'ry blaſt
To them that ſeek thy face;
And mingles with the tempeſt's roar
The whiſpers of thy grace.

4 Thoſe gentle whiſpers let me hear,
Till all the tumult ceaſe;
And gales of paradiſe ſhall lull
My weary ſoul to peace.

* Moderates.

XCIII. God *waiting to be gracious.* Iſaiah xxx. 18.

1 WAIT on the Lord, ye heirs of hope,
And let his word ſupport your ſoul:
Well can he bear your courage up,
And all your foes and fears controul.

2 He waits his own well-choſen hour
Th' intended mercy to diſplay;

And

And his paternal bowels move,
While wiſdom dictates the delay.

3 With mingled majeſty and love
At length he riſes from his throne;
And while ſalvation he commands,
He makes his people's joy his own.

4 Bleſt are the humble ſouls that wait,
With ſweet ſubmiſſion to his will;
Harmonious all their paſſions move,
And in the midſt of ſtorms are ſtill.

5 Still, till their Father's well-known voice
Wakens their ſilence into ſongs;
Then earth grows vocal with his praiſe,
And heav'n the grateful ſhout prolongs.

XCIV. *The different views of good and bad men in times of public danger.* Iſa. xxxiii. 14—17.

1 SEE, the deſtruction is begun,
And heaps of ruin ſpread the ground;
With haſty ſtrides it marches on,
And ſcatters conſternation round.

2 Sinners in Zion take th' alarm,
The hypocrites aſtoniſh'd cry,
Who with devouring flames can dwell?
Who in eternal burnings lie?

3 God's gracious voice the ſaints revives;
How ſweet the heav'nly accents ſound!
"Dwell thou on high, my child, (he ſays)
"Where rocks ſhall guard thee all around.

4 "There

"There ſhall my hand thy wants ſupply,
"Thy water and thy bread are ſure;
"There ſhall my viſits make thee glad,
"While theſe alarming ſcenes endure.

"Then, led in joyous triumph forth,
"Thine eyes the diſtant land ſhall view,
"Shall ſee thy king in beauty dreſt,
"And ſhare his royal honours too."

My ſoul the oracle receives,
And feels its energy to chear;
A promis'd heaven, a preſent God,
Forbids my grief, forbids my fear.

XCV. God *the defence of his people from invading enemies.* Iſa. xxxiii. 21—23.

THE glorious Lord! his Iſrael's hope!
How well he bears their courage up!
How wide his ſaving pow'r extends!
His princely titles will we ſing,
Our judge, our law-giver, our king,
He guards his ſubjects as his friends.

Around the mountain where they dwell,
Lo, at his word new waters ſwell
To deluge the invading foe!
Open'd by him that rules the ſkies,
Mark the broad rivers how they riſe,
And with what rapid ſtrength they flow!

To gain the well-defended ſhores
In vain the galley ſpreads its oars,
And the proud ſhip her ſails diſplays:

The

The ſails are rent, the maſts are broke,
The ſhatter'd oars all drop their ſtroke,
And lightnings thro' the tacklings blaz

4 Shout your Hoſannas to the Lord:
Thus ſhall he ſtill his Zion guard,
Till the laſt foe be trampled down:
High as the heav'ns exalt his praiſe;
High as the heav'ns his hand ſhall raiſe
The ſoul that here his grace hath know

XCVI. *The high way to Zion.* Iſa. xxxv. 9, 10.

1 SING, ye redeemed of the Lord,
Your great deliv'rer ſing:
Pilgrims for Zion's city bound,
Be joyful in your King.

2 See the fair way his hand hath rais'd;
How holy, and how plain!
Nor ſhall the ſimpleſt trav'lers err,
Nor aſk the track in vain.

3 No rav'ning lion ſhall deſtroy,
Nor lurking ſerpent wound;
Pleaſure and ſafety, peace and praiſe,
Thro' all the path are found.

4 A hand divine ſhall lead you on
Thro' all the bliſsful road:
Till to the ſacred mount you riſe,
And ſee your ſmiling God.

5 There garlands of immortal joy
Shall bloom on ev'ry head;

Wh

While ſorrow, ſighing, and diſtreſs,
Like ſhadows all are fled.

6 March on in your Redeemer's ſtrength;
Purſue his footſteps ſtill;
And let the proſpect chear your eye,
While lab'ring up the hill.

XCVII. *The greatneſs and majeſty of* God, *and the meanneſs of the creatures.* Iſa. xl. 15, 16, 17.

1 YE weak inhabitants of clay,
Ye trifling inſects of a day,
Low in your native duſt bow down
Before th' Eternal's awful throne.

2 With trembling heart, with ſolemn eye,
Behold Jehovah ſeated high;
And ſearch, what worthy ſacrifice
Your hands can give, your thoughts deviſe.

3 Let Lebanon her cedars bring,
To blaze before the ſov'reign King;
And all the beaſts that on it feed,
As victims at his altar bleed.

4 Loud let ten thouſand trumpets ſound,
And call remoteſt nations round,
Aſſembled on the crowded plains,
Princes and people, kings and ſwains.

5 Join'd with the living, let the dead
Riſing the face of earth o'erſpread;
And while his praiſe unites their tongues,
Let angels echo back the ſongs.

6 The drop that from the bucket falls,
The duſt that hangs upon the ſcales,
Is more to ſky, and earth, and ſea,
Than all this pomp, O God, to thee.

XCVIII. *The timorous ſaint encouraged by the aſſurance of the divine preſence and help.* Iſa. xli. 10.

1 AND art thou with us, gracious Lord,
To diſſipate our fear?
Doſt thou proclaim thyſelf our God,
Our God for ever near?

2 Doth thy right-hand which form'd the earth,
And bears up all the ſkies,
Stretch from on high its friendly aid,
When dangers round us riſe?

3 Doſt thou a father's bowels feel
For all thy humble ſaints;
And in ſuch tender accents ſpeak
To ſoothe their ſad complaints?

4 On this ſupport my ſoul ſhall lean,
And baniſh ev'ry care;
The gloomy vale of death muſt ſmile,
If God be with me there.

5 While I his gracious ſuccour prove
'Midſt all my various ways,
The darkeſt ſhades, thro' which I paſs,
Shall echo with his praiſe.

XCIX. *The humiliation and exaltation of* God's Iſrael. Iſa. xli. 14, 15.

1 AMAZING grace of God on high!
And will the Lord look down
On ſinners, while in duſt they lie,
And dread his awful frown?

2 Weaker than worms, O Lord, are we,
And viler far than they;
Yet in theſe reptiles * weak and vile,
Doſt thou thy pow'r diſplay,

3 Jehovah's ſov'reign voice is heard,
The worm lifts up its head,
And mountains, that would cruſh it down,
Before the worm are fled.

4 Thou holy One, thine Iſrael's King,
Thou our Redeemer art;
Nor ſhall the bleſſings of thy hand
From thy redeem'd depart.

5 Thy love ſhall its own work fulfil,
And grace ſhall riſe on grace,
Till worms of earth around thy throne
With angels find a place.

* Creeping things.

C. *The wilderneſs transformed*, or *the happy effects of the goſpel.* Iſa. xli. 18, 19. *compared with* xxxv. 1, 2. xi. 6—9. lv. 13. *&c.*

1 AMAZING, beauteous change!
A world created new!

My thoughts with tranſport range
The lovely ſcene to view;
In all I trace,
Saviour divine,
The work is thine,
Be thine the praiſe.

2 See cryſtal fountains play
Amidſt the burning ſands;
The river's winding way
Shines thro' the thirſty lands;
New graſs is ſeen,
And o'er the meads
Its carpet ſpreads
Of living green.

3 Where pointed brambles grew,
Entwin'd with horrid thorn,
Gay flow'rs for ever new
The painted fields adorn;
The bluſhing roſe,
And lily there,
In union fair
Their ſweets diſcloſe.

4 Where the bleak mountain ſtood,
All bare and diſarray'd,
See the wide-branching wood
Diffuſe its grateful ſhade;
Tall cedars nod,
And oaks and pines,
And elms and vines
Confeſs the God.

5 The tyrants of the plain
Their ſavage chaſe give o'er:
No more they rend the ſlain,
And thirſt for blood no more;
But infant hands
Fierce tigers ſtroak,
And lions yoke
In flow'ry bands.

6 O when, Almighty Lord,
Shall theſe glad ſcenes ariſe;
To verify thy word,
And bleſs our wond'ring eyes!
That earth may raiſe,
With all its tongues,
United ſongs
Of ardent praiſe.

CI. *The blind and weak led and ſupported in* God's *way*. Iſa. xlii. 16.

1 PRAISE to the radiant ſource of bliſs,
Who gives the blind their ſight,
And ſcatters round their wond'ring eyes
A flood of ſacred light.

2 In paths unknown he leads them on
To his divine abode,
And ſhews new miracles of grace
Thro' all the heavenly road.

3 The ways all rugged and perplex'd
He renders ſmooth and ſtraight,
And ſtrengthens ev'ry feeble knee
To march to Zion's gate.

4 Thro' all the path I'll ſing his name,
Till I the mount aſcend,
Where toils and ſtorms are known no more,
And anthems never end.

CII. God *calling his* Iſrael *by name, and leading them thro' water and fire.* Iſa. xliii. 1, 2.

1 LET Jacob to his Maker ſing,
And praiſe his great redeeming King:
Call'd by a new, a gracious name,
Let Iſrael loud his God proclaim.

He knows our ſouls in all their fears,
And gently wipes our falling tears,
Forms trembling voices to a ſong,
And bids the feeble heart be ſtrong.

3 Then let the rivers ſwell around,
And riſing floods o'erflow the ground;
Rivers and floods and ſeas divide,
And homage pay to Iſrael's guide.

4 Then let the fires their rage diſplay,
And flaming terrors bar the way;
Unburnt, unſing'd, he leads them thro',
And makes the flames refreſhing too.

5 The fires but on their bonds ſhall prey *,
The floods but waſh their ſtains away,
And grace divine new trophies † raiſe
Amidſt the deluge, and the blaze.

* Alluſion to the ſtory in Dan. iii. 19, &c.
† Monuments of victory.

CIII. *The*

CIII. *The riches of pardoning grace celebrated.* Isa. xliv. 22, 32.

1 LET heav'n burst forth into a song;
Let earth reflect the joyful sound;
Ye mountains with the echo ring,
And shout, ye forests, all around.

2 The Lord his Israel hath redeem'd,
Hath made his mourning people glad,
And the rich glories of his name
In their salvation hath display'd.

3 Unnumber'd sins, like sable clouds,
Veil'd ev'ry chearful ray of joy,
And thunders murmur'd thro' the gloom,
While lightnings pointed to destroy.

4 He spoke, and all the clouds dispers'd,
And heav'n unveil'd its shining face;
The whole creation smil'd anew,
Deck'd in the golden beams of grace.

5 Israel, return with humble love,
Return to thy redeemer's breast,
And charm'd by his melodious voice,
Compose thy weary pow'rs to rest.

CIV. *The little success which attended the personal ministry of* Christ. Isa. xlix. 4.

1 AND doth the son of God complain,
"Lo, I have spent my strength in vain,
'And stretch'd my hands whole days and years
"To those, who slight my words and tears?"

2 O ſtubborn hearts, that could withſtand
Such efforts from a ſaviour's hand!
O gracious ſaviour, who wouldſt bleed,
When words and tears could not ſucceed!

3 Fall down, my ſoul, in humble woe,
That thou haſt wrong'd his goodneſs ſo:
Now let his grace reſiſtleſs move
To melt the ſtubborn flint to love.

4 All-glorious Lord, march forth and reign,
And reap the fruit of all thy pain;
And, till a nobler ſcene appear,
Begin the happy conqueſt here.

CV. *God's captives releaſed; applied to ſpiritual deliverances.* Iſa. li. 14, 15.

1 CAPTIVES of Iſrael, hear,
Who now as exiles * mourn;
See your Almighty God appear
To haſten your return.

2 Jehovah is his name,
Lord of celeſtial hoſts:
Let heav'n that ſaving pow'r proclaim
In which his Iſrael truſts.

3 Tho' helpleſs now ye lie,
As in a dungeon thrown,
When parch'd with painful thirſt ye cry,
And when your bread is gone.

4 Deliv'rance comes apace;
Ye ſhall not there expire;

* Baniſhed perſons

Prepare

Prepare to ſing redeeming grace
With his triumphant choir.

5 He ſmote the raging ſea
'Midſt its tumultuous roar,
And pav'd his choſen troops a way
Safe to its diſtant ſhore.

6 In him let Iſrael hope,
At whoſe ſupreme command
Graves yield their breathleſs Captives up,
And Seas become dry land.

CVI. *The cup of fury exchanged for the cup of bleſſings.* Iſa. li. 22.

1 THE Lord, our Lord, how rich his grace!
What ſtores of ſov'reign love
For humble ſouls, that ſeek his face,
And to his footſtool move!

2 He pleads the cauſe of all his ſaints.
When foes againſt them riſe;
He liſtens to their ſad complaints,
And wipes their ſtreaming eyes.

3 He takes away that dreadful cup
Of fury and of plagues,
Which juſtice ſentenc'd them to drink,
And wring the bitter dregs.

4 He gave it to their ſaviour's hand,
And fill'd it to the brim;
Their Saviour drank the liquid death,
That they might live by him.

5 "Now

5 "Now take the cup of life, (he cries)
"Where heav'nly bleſſing flow:
"Drink deep, nor fear to drain the ſpring,
"To which the draught ye owe."

6 We drink, and feel our life renew'd,
And all our woes forget:
We drink, till that tranſporting hour,
When we our lord ſhall meet.

CVII. *The holy city purified and guarded.* Iſa. liii. 1, 2.

1 TRIUMPHANT Zion, lift thy head
From duſt, and darkneſs, and the dead;
Tho' humbled long, awake at length,
And gird thee with thy ſaviour's ſtrength.

2 Put all thy beauteous garments on,
And let thy various charms be known;
The world thy glories ſhall confeſs,
Deck'd in the robes of righteouſneſs.

3 No more ſhall foes unclean invade,
And fill thy hallow'd walls with dread;
No more ſhall hell's inſulting hoſt
Their vict'ry, and thy ſorrows boaſt.

4 God from on high thy groans will hear;
His hand thy ruins ſhall repair;
Rear'd and ador'd by love divine,
Thy tow'rs and battlements ſhall ſhine.

5 Grace ſhall diſpoſe my heart and voice
To ſhare, and echo back her joys;
Nor will her watchful monarch ceaſe
To guard her in eternal peace.

CVIII.

VIII. *GOD's Government, Zion's Joy* Isa. lii. 7.

YE ſubjects of the LORD, proclaim
The royal honours of his name:
JEHOVAH reigns, be all our ſong,
'Tis he thy God, O Zion, reigns,
Prepare thy moſt harmonious ſtrains
Glad Hallelujahs to prolong.

Ye princes, boaſt no more your crowns,
But lay the glitt'ring trifles down
In lowly honour at his feet;
A ſpan your narrow empire bounds,
He reigns beyond created rounds,
In ſelf-ſufficient glory great.

Tremble, ye pageants of a day,
Form'd like your ſlaves of brittle clay,
Down to the duſt your ſceptres bend:
To everlaſting years he reigns,
And undiminiſh'd pomp maintains,
When kings, and ſuns, and time ſhall end.

So ſhall his favour'd Zion live;
In vain confed'rate nations ſtrive
Her ſacred turrets to deſtroy;
Her ſov'reign ſits enthron'd above,
And endleſs pow'r, and endleſs love
Enſure her ſafety, and her joy.

IX. *Divine mercies and judgments compared.* Iſa. liv. 7, 8.

IN thy rebukes, all-gracious God,
What ſoft compaſſion reigns!

What gentle accents of thy voice
Assuage thy children's pains!

2 "When I correct my chosen sons,
"A father's bowels move:
"One transient moment bounds my wrath
"But endless is my love."

3 Our faith shall look thro' every tear,
And view thy smiling face,
And hope amidst our sighs shall tune
An anthem to thy grace.

4 Gather at length my weary soul
To join thy saints above;
For I would learn a song of praise
Eternal as thy love.

CX. *Divine teachings, and their happy consequences.* Isa. liv. 13.

1 BRIGHT source of intellectual rays,
Father of spirits, and of grace,
O dart with energy unknown
Celestial beamings from thy throne.

2 Thy sacred book we would survey,
Enlighten'd with that heav'nly day,
And ask thy spirit, with the word,
To teach our souls to know the Lord.

3 So shall our children learn the road,
That leads them to their father's God;
And, form'd by lessons so divine,
Shall infant minds with knowledge shine

So ſhall the haughtieſt ſoul ſubmit,
With children plac'd at Jeſus' feet:
The noiſy ſwell of pride ſhall ceaſe,
And thy ſweet voice be heard in peace.

XI. *Fruitful ſhowers, emblems of the ſalutary effects of the goſpel.* Iſaiah lv. 10, 11, 12.

MARK the ſoft-falling ſnow,
And the diffuſive rain:
To heav'n from whence it fell,
It turns not back again;
But waters earth
Thro' ev'ry pore,
And calls forth all
Its ſecret ſtore.

Array'd in beauteous green
The hills and vallies ſhine,
And man and beaſt is fed
By providence divine;
The harveſt bows
Its golden ears,
The copious ſeed
Of future years.

"So," ſaith the God of grace,
"My goſpel ſhall deſcend,
"Almighty to effect
"The purpoſe I intend;
"Millions of ſouls
"Shall feel its pow'r,
"And bare it down
"To millions more.

4 "Joy ſhall begin your march,
"And peace protect your ways,
"While all the mountains round
"Echo melodious praiſe;
"The vocal groves
"Shall ſing the God,
"And ev'ry tree
"Conſenting nod."

CXII. *Comfort for pious parents, who have been bereaved of their children.* Iſaiah lvi. 4, 5.

1 YE mourning ſaints, whoſe ſtreaming tears
Flow o'er your children dead,
Say not in tranſports of deſpair,
That all your hopes are fled.

2 While cleaving to that darling duſt,
In fond diſtreſs ye lie,
Riſe, and with joy and rev'rence view
A heav'nly parent nigh.

3 Tho', your young branches torn away,
Like wither'd trunks ye ſtand,
With fairer verdure ſhall ye bloom,
Touch'd by th' Almighty's hand.

4 "I'll give the mourner," ſaith the Lord,
"In my own houſe a place:
"No names of daughters and of ſons
"Could yield ſo high a grace.

5 "Tra-

5 "Tranſient and vain is ev'ry hope
"A riſing race can give;
"In endleſs honour and delight
"My children all ſhall live."

6 We welcome, Lord, thoſe riſing tears,
Thro' which thy face we ſee,
And bleſs thoſe wounds, which thro' our hearts
Prepare a way for thee.

CXIII. *The ſtranger entertained in God's houſe of prayer.* Iſaiah lvi. 6, 7. *compared with* Matt. xxi. 13. *and* Eph. ii. 19.

1 GREAT father of mankind,
We bleſs that wond'rous grace,
Which could for Gentiles find
Within thy courts a place.
How kind the care
Our God diſplays,
For us to raiſe
A houſe of pray'r!

2 Tho' once eſtranged far,
We now approach the throne;
For Jeſus brings us near,
And makes our cauſe his own:
Strangers no more,
To thee we come,
And find our home,
And reſt ſecure.

3 To thee our ſouls we join,
And love thy ſacred name;

No more our own, but thine,
We triumph in thy claim;
Our father-king,
Thy cov'nant grace
Our ſouls embrace,
Thy titles ſing.

4 Here in thy houſe we feaſt
On dainties all divine;
And, while ſuch ſweets we taſte,
With joy our faces ſhine.
Incenſe ſhall riſe
From flames of love,
And God approve
The ſacrifice.

5 May all the nations throng
To worſhip in thy houſe;
And thou attend the ſong,
And ſmile upon their vows;
Indulgent ſtill,
Till earth conſpire
To join the choir
On Zion's hill.

CXIV. *Peace proclaimed, and the fruit of the lips created by a gracious God.* Iſaiah lvii. 19.

1 HARK! for the great creator ſpeaks;
In ſilence let the earth attend;
And, when his words of grace are heard,
In grateful adoration bend.

2 "'Tis I create the fruit of praiſe,
" And give the broken heart to ſing;
" Peace, heav'nly peace, my lips proclaim,
" Pleas'd with the happy news they bring."

3 Receive the tidings with delight,
Ye Gentile nations from afar;
And you, the children of his love,
Whom grace hath brought already near.

4 To theſe, to thoſe, his ſov'reign hand
It healing energy imparts:
Peace, peace, be echo'd from your tongues,
And echo'd from conſenting hearts.

5 Enjoy the health, which God hath wrought;
Nor let the daily tribute ceaſe,
Till chang'd for more exalted ſongs
In regions of eternal peace.

CXV. *The duty of remonſtrating againſt ſin, when judgments are threatened.* Iſaiah lviii. 1.

1 THY judgments cry aloud,
O ever-righteous God,
And in the ſight of all our land
Thou lifteſt up thy rod.

2 Aloud thy ſervants cry,
Commiſſion'd from thy throne,
And like a trumpet raiſe their voice
To make thy judgments known.

3 But who that cry attends,
And makes his ſafety ſure?

Rock'd by the tempeſt they ſhould flee,
They ſleep the more ſecure.

4 Another trumpet, Lord,
The ſtupid ſlumb'rers need;
Nor will they hear a feebler voice
Than that, which wakes the dead.

CXVI. *Unſucceſsful faſts accounted for.* Iſaiah lviii. 3. *compared with* 4—8.

For a Faſt-Day.

1 O! Where is ſov'reign mercy gone?
Whither is Britain's God withdrawn?
That thro' long years ſhe ſhould complain,
She faſts, and mourns, and cries in vain?

2 Haſt thou not ſeen her ſuppliant bands
Thro' all her coaſts extend their hands?
Or has their oft-repeated pray'r
Eſcap'd thy ever-liſt'ning ear?

3 Thine ear hath heard, thine eye hath ſeen;
But guilt hath ſpread a cloud between;
And, riſing ſtill before thy face,
Averts thy long-intreated grace.

4 Diſpel that cloud by rays divine,
And cauſe thy chearing face to ſhine;
Our iſle ſhall ſhout from ſhore to ſhore,
And dread encroaching foes no more.

5 Our light ſhall like the morning ſpring;
Healing and joy our God ſhall bring;
Juſtice ſhall in our front appear,
And glory gather up our rear.

CXVII.

CXVII. *The ſtandard of the ſpirit lifted up.* Iſa. lix. 19.

1 GOD of the ocean, at whoſe voice
The threat'ning floods are heard no more,
Behold their madneſs and their noiſe,
And ſilence the tumultuous roar.

2 Her ſtreams of pois'nous error ſwell;
There rages vice in ev'ry form;
They join their tide, led on by hell,
And Zion trembles at the ſtorm.

3 Almighty ſpirit, raiſe thine arm,
And lift the Saviour's ſtandard high;
Thy people's hearts with vigour warm,
And call thy choſen legions nigh.

4 Wak'd by thy well-known voice they come,
And round the ſacred banner throng:
Zion prepare the Conqu'ror room,
While triumph burſts into a ſong.

5 "The Lord on high, when billows roar,
"Superior majeſty diſplays,
"And, by one breath of ſov'reign pow'r,
"Huſhes the noiſe of foaming ſeas."

CXVIII. *The glory of the church in the latter day.* Iſa. lx. 1.

1 O Zion, tune thy voice,
And raiſe thy hands on high;
Tell all the earth thy joys,
And boaſt ſalvation nigh.

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Chearful in God,
Ariſe and ſhine,
While rays divine
Stream all abroad.

2 He gilds thy morning face
With beams that cannot fade;
His all reſplendent grace
He pours around thy head;
The nations round
Thy form ſhall view,
With luſtre new
Divinely crown'd.

3 In honour to his name
Reflect that ſacred light;
And loud that grace proclaim,
Which makes thy darkneſs bright:
Purſue his praiſe,
Till ſov'reign love
In worlds above
The glory raiſe.

4 There on his holy hill
A brighter ſun ſhall riſe,
And with his radiance fill
Thoſe fairer purer ſkies;
While round his throne
Ten thouſand ſtars
In nobler ſpheres *
His influence own.

* Orbs or paths in which the ſtars move.

CXI

CXIX. *God the everlasting light of the saints above.* Isa. lx. 20.

1 YE golden lamps of heav'n, *, farewel,
With all your feeble light:
Farewel, thou ever-changing moon,
Pale empress of the night.

2 And thou, refulgent orb of day †,
In brighter flames array'd,
My soul, that springs beyond thy sphere,
No more demands thine aid.

3 Ye stars are but the shining dust
Of my divine abode,
The pavement of those heav'nly courts,
Where I shall reign with God.

4 The father of eternal light
Shall there his beams display;
Nor shall one moment's darkness mix
With that unvaried day.

5 No more the drops of piercing grief
Shall swell into mine eyes;
Nor the meridian ‡ sun decline
Amidst those brighter skies.

6 There all the millions of his saints
Shall in one song unite,
And each the bliss of all shall view
With infinite delight.

* The stars. † The sun. ‡ Noon-day.

CXX. *God intreated for Zion.* Isa. lxii. 6, 7.

For a fast-day; or a day of prayer for the revival of religion.

1 INDULGENT sov'reign of the skies,
And wilt thou bow thy gracious ear,
While feeble mortals raise their cries,
Wilt thou, the great Jehovah, hear?

2 How shall thy servants give thee rest,
Till Zion's mouldering walls thou raise?
Till thy own pow'r shall stand confess'd,
And make Jerusalem a praise?

3 For this, a lowly suppliant crowd
Here in thy sacred temple wait:
For this, we lift our voices loud,
And call, and knock at mercy's gate.

4 Look down, O God, with pitying eye,
And view the desolation round;
See what wide realms in darkness lie,
And hurl their idols to the ground.

5 Loud let the gospel-trumpet blow,
And call the nations from afar;
Let all the isles their Saviour know,
And earth's remotest ends draw near.

6 Let Babylon's proud altars shake,
And light invade her darkest gloom;
The yoke of iron bondage break,
The yoke of Satan, and of Rome.

7 With

With gentle beams on Britain ſhine,
And bleſs her princes, and her prieſts;
And, by thine energy divine,
Let ſacred love o'erflow their breaſts.

Triumphant here let Jeſus reign,
And on his vineyard ſweetly ſmile;
While all the virtues of his train
Adorn our church, adorn our iſle.

On all our ſouls let grace deſcend,
Like heav'nly dew in copious ſhow'rs,
That we may call our God our friend,
That we may hail ſalvation ours.

Then ſhall each age and rank agree
United ſhouts of joy to raiſe:
And Zion, made a praiſe by thee,
To thee ſhall render back the praiſe.

CXXI. *A nation born in a day*; or *the rapid progreſs of the goſpel deſired.* Iſa. lxvi. 8.

BEHOLD with pleaſing ecſtaſy
The goſpel ſtandard lifted high,
That all the nations from afar
May in the great ſalvation ſhare.

Why then, Almighty Saviour, why
Do wretched ſouls in millions die?
While wide th' infernal tyrant reigns
O'er ſpacious realms in pond'rous * chains.

* Heavy.

3 And

3 And ſhall he ſtill go on to boaſt,
Thy croſs its energy hath loſt?
And ſhall thy ſervants ſtill complain,
Their labours, and their tears are vain!

4 Awake, all-conqu'ring arm, awake,
And hell's extenſive empire ſhake;
Aſſert the honours of thy throne,
And call the ruin'd world thy own.

5 Thine all-ſucceſsful pow'r diſplay;
Produce a nation in a day;
For at thy word this barren earth
Shall travail with a gen'ral birth.

6 Swift let thy quick'ning ſpirit breathe
On theſe abodes of ſin and death;
That breath ſhall bow ten thouſand minds
Like waving corn before the winds.

7 Scarce can our glowing hearts endure
A world, where thou art known no more;
Transform it, Lord, by conqu'ring love;
Or bear us to the realms above.

CXXII. *Backſliding* Iſrael *invited to return to God.* Jerem. iii. 12, 13.

1 BACKSLIDING Iſrael, hear the voice
Of thy forgiving God,
Nor force ſuch goodneſs to exert
The terrors of the rod.

2 Thus ſaith the Lord, "my mercy flows
"An unexhauſted ſtream,

"And

"And, after all its millions ſav'd,
" Its ſway is ſtill ſupreme.
"One moment's wrath with weighty cruſh
" Might ſink you quick to hell;
"Yet mercy points the happy path,
" Where life and glory dwell.
"Own but the follies thou haſt done,
" And mourn thy ſins in duſt,
"And ſoon thy trembling heart ſhall learn
" To hope, and love, and truſt."

All-gracious God, thy voice we own;
And, proſtrate at thy feet,
Our ſouls in humble ſilence wait
A pardon there to meet.

XXIII. *The goodneſs of God acknowledged in giving paſtors after his own heart.* Jerem iii. 15.

At the ſettlement of a miniſter.

SHEPHERD of Iſrael, thou doſt keep
With conſtant care thy humble ſheep;
By thee inferior paſtors riſe
To feed our ſouls, and bleſs our eyes.

To all thy churches ſuch impart,
Modell'd by thy own gracious heart;
Whoſe courage, watchfulneſs, and love,
Men may atteſt, and God approve.

Fed by their active tender care,
Healthful may all thy ſheep appear,

And, by their fair example led,
The way to Zion's paſtures tread.

4 Here haſt thou liſten'd to our vows,
And ſcatter'd bleſſings on thy houſe;
Thy ſaints are ſuccour'd, and no more
As ſheep without a guide deplore.

5 Completely heal each former ſtroke,
And bleſs the ſhepherd and the flock;
Confirm the hopes thy mercies raiſe,
And own this tribute of our praiſe.

CXXIV. *God's gracious methods of adopting love.* Jerem. iii. 19.

1 AMAZING plan of ſov'reign love!
And doth our God look down
On rebels, whom his wrath might doom
To periſh at his frown?

2 Doth he project a wond'rous ſcheme
In ſuch a way to ſave,
That juſtice, majeſty, and grace,
May one joint triumph have?

3 One look the ſtubborn heart ſubdues,
And at his feet they fall;
They own their father with delight,
And he receives them all.

4 Number'd amongſt his deareſt ſons,
The pleaſant land they ſhare;
On earth ſecur'd by pow'r divine,
Till crown'd with glory there.

5 Father

Father, in thine embraces lodg'd,
Our heav'n begun we feel,
And wait th' hour, which thou ſhalt mark
Thy counſels to fulfil.

CXXV. *Creatures vain, and God the ſalvation of his people.* Jerem. iii. 23.

1 HOW long ſhall dreams of creature-bliſs
Our flatt'ring hopes employ,
And mock our fond deluded eyes
With * viſionary joy?

2 Why from the mountains and the hills
Is our ſalvation ſought,
While our eternal rock's forſook,
And Iſrael's God forgot?

3 The living ſpring neglected flows
Full in our daily view,
Yet we with anxious fruitleſs toil
Our broken ciſterns hew.

4 Theſe fatal errors, gracious God,
With gentle pity ſee:
To thee our roving eyes direct,
And fix our ſouls on thee.

* The appearance of joy.

CXXVI. *Invitation to return to the Lord, and put away abominations.* Jerem. iv. 1, 2.

1 IT is the Lord of glory calls,
O let his Iſrael hear:

" Stop, ye revolters, in your courſe,
" And hearken, and come near.

2 " What tho' in ſin's deluſive paths
" Ye from your youth have ſtray'd;
" What tho' my meſſages of love
" Have been with ſcorn repay'd;

3 " At laſt return, and grace divine
" Your wand'rings ſhall forget;
" If loyal zeal and love dethrone
" Each idol from its ſeat.

4 " Return, and dwell ſecure on earth,
" As in your Lord's embrace,
" And in the land of perfect joy
" Ye find a nobler place."

5 Father of mercies, lo, we come,
Subdu'd by ſuch a call;
O let the hand of grace divine
Reduce and bleſs us all.

6 So will we teach the world that love,
Which we are made to ſee,
And wand'rers ſhall with us return,
And bleſs themſelves in thee.

CXXVII. *Miſimproved privileges, and diſappointed hopes.* Jerem. viii. 20,

1 ALAS, how faſt our moments fly!
How ſhort our months appear!
How ſwift thro' various ſeaſons haſtes
The ſtill revolving year!

2 Seaſons

2 Seaſons of grace, and days of hope,
While Jeſus waiting ſtands,
And ſpreads the bleſſings of his love
With wide-extended hands.

3 But O! how ſlow our ſtupid ſouls
Theſe bleſſings to ſecure!
Bleſſings, which thro' eternal years
Unwith'ring ſhall endure.

4 Beneath the word of life we die:
We ſtarve amidſt our ſtore;
And what ſalvation ſhould impart
Heightens our ruin more.

5 Pity this madneſs, God of love,
And make us truly wiſe:
So from the pregnant ſeeds of grace
Shall glorious harveſts riſe.

CXXVIII. *Glorying God alone.* Jerem. ix. 23, 24.

1 THE righteous Lord, ſupremely great,
Maintains his univerſal ſtate;
O'er all the earth his pow'r extends;
All heav'n before his footſtool bends.

2 Yet juſtice ſtill with pow'r preſides,
And mercy all his empire guides;
Such works are pleaſing in his ſight,
And ſuch the men of his delight.

3 No more, ye wiſe, your wiſdom boaſt;
No more, ye ſtrong, your valour truſt:

Nor let the rich ſurvey his ſtore,
Elate * with heaps of ſhining ore.

4 Glory, my ſoul, in this alone,
That God, thy God, to thee is known,
That thou haſt own'd his ſov'reign ſway,
That thou haſt felt his chearing ray.

5 My wiſdom, wealth, and pow'r I find
In one Jehovah all combin'd!
On him I fix my roving eyes,
Till all my ſoul in rapture riſe.

6 All elſe, which I my treaſure call,
May in one fatal moment fall;
But what his happineſs can move,
Whom God the bleſſed deigns † to love?

* Lifted up. † Condeſcends.

CXXIX. Jeremiah's *tears over the captive flock.* Jerem. xiii. 15—17.

1 FLOW on, my tears, in riſing ſtreams,
Ye briny fountains, flow;
While haughty ſinners ſteel their hearts,
Nor will Jehovah know.

2 The flock of God is captive led
In ſatan's heavy chains;
Led to the borders of the pit,
Where endleſs horror reigns.

3 Look back, ye captives, and invoke
Jehovah's ſaving aid;

Give

Give him the glory of his name,
Whoſe hand your nature made.

4 O turn, ere yet your erring feet
On death's dark mountain fall;
Cry, and your gentle ſhepherd's ear
Will hearken to your call.

5 Then ſhall thoſe hearts with pleaſure ſpring,
Which now in ſorrow melt;
And deep repentance yield a joy
Proud guilt hath never felt.

6 Almighty grace, exert thy pow'r,
And turn theſe ſlaves of ſin;
And, when they bring thy tribute due,
Shall their own bliſs begin.

CXXX. *Giving glory to God, before darkneſs comes upon us.* Jerem. xiii. 16.

1 THE ſwift-declining day,
How faſt its moments fly!
While ev'ning's broad and gloomy ſhade
Gains on the weſtern ſky.

2 Ye mortals, mark its pace,
And uſe the hours of light;
And know, its maker can command
An inſtantaneous * night.

3 His word blots out the ſun
In its meridian blaze;

* Sudden.

And

And cuts from ſmiling vig'rous youth
The remnant of its days.

4. On the dark mountain's brow
Your feet ſhall quickly ſlide;
And from its airy ſummit daſh
Your momentary pride.

5 Give glory to the Lord,
Who rules the whirling ſphere *;
Submiſſive at his footſtool bow,
And ſeek ſalvation there.

6 Then ſhall new luſtre break
Thro' horror's darkeſt gloom,
And lead you to unchanging light
In a celeſtial home.

* The revolution of the ſun, moon and ſtars.

CXXXI. *The fatal conſequences of forſaking the hope of Iſrael.* Jerem. xvii. 13, 14.

1 GREAT object of thine Iſrael's hope,
Its Saviour, and its praiſe,
Attend, while we to thee devote
The remnant of our days.

2 How wretched they that leave the Lord,
And from his word withdraw;
That loſe his goſpel from their ſight,
And wander from his law!

3 O thou eternal ſpring of good,
Whence living waters flow,

Let

Let not our thirſty erring ſouls
To broken ciſterns go.

4 Like characters inſcrib'd in duſt
Are ſinners borne away;
And all the treaſures they can boaſt,
The portion of a day.

5 But, Lord, to thee my heart ſhall turn
To heal it, and to ſave;
The joys, that from thy favour flow,
Shall bloom beyond the grave.

CXXXII. *Chriſt, the Lord our righteouſneſs.* Jerem. xxiii. 6.

1 SAVIOUR divine, we know thy name,
And in that name we truſt;
Thou art the Lord our righteouſneſs,
Thou art thine Iſrael's boaſt.

2 Guilty we plead before thy throne,
And low in duſt we lie,
Till Jeſus ſtretch his gracious arm
To bring the guilty nigh.

3 The ſins of one moſt righteous day
Might plunge us in deſpair;
Yet all the crimes of num'rous years
Shall our great ſurety clear.

4 That ſpotleſs robe, which he hath wrought,
Shall deck us all around;
Nor by the piercing eye of God
One blemiſh ſhall be found.

5 Pardon

5 Pardon and peace, and lively hope
To ſinners now are giv'n;
Iſrael and Judah ſoon ſhall change
Their wilderneſs for heav'n.

6 With joy we taſte that manna now,
Thy mercy ſcatters down;
We ſeal our humble vows to thee,
And wait the promis'd crown.

CXXXIII. *The efficacy of God's word.* Jerem. xxiii. 29.

1 WITH rev'rend awe, tremendous Lord,
We hear the thunders of thy word;
The pride of Lebanon it breaks:
Swift the celeſtial fire deſcends,
The flinty rock in pieces rends,
And earth to its deep center ſhakes.

2 Array'd in majeſty divine,
Here ſanctity and juſtice ſhine,
And horror ſtrikes the rebel thro';
While loud this awful voice makes known
The wonders which thy ſword hath done,
And what thy vengeance yet ſhall do.

3 So ſpread the honours of thy name;
The terrors of a God proclaim;
Thick let the pointed arrows fly;
Till ſinners, humbled in the duſt,
Shall own the execution juſt,
And bleſs the hand by which they die.

4 Then

4 Then clear the dark tempeſtuous day,
And radiant beams of love diſplay;
Each proſtrate ſoul let mercy raiſe:
So ſhall the bleeding captives feel,
Thy word, which gave the wound, can heal,
And change their groans to ſongs of praiſe.

CXXXIV. *The poſſibility of dying this year.* Jerem. xxviii. 16.

For New Years-Day.

1 GOD of my life, thy conſtant care
With bleſſings crowns each op'ning year;
This guilty life doſt thou prolong,
And wake anew mine annual ſong.

2 How many precious ſouls are fled
To the vaſt regions of the dead,
Since from this day the changing ſun
Thro' his laſt yearly period run!

3 We yet ſurvive; but who can ſay,
Or thro' the year, or month, or day,
"I will retain this vital breath:
"Thus far at leaſt in league with death *?"

4 That breath is thine, eternal God;
'Tis thine to fix my ſoul's abode;
It holds its life from thee alone,
On earth, or in the world unknown.

5 To thee our ſpirits we reſign,
Make them and own them ſtill as thine;

* Iſaiah xxviii. 15.

So

So ſhall they ſmile, ſecure from fear,
Tho' death ſhould blaſt the riſing year.

6 Thy children, eager to be gone,
Bid time's impetuous tide roll on,
And land them on that blooming ſhore,
Where years and death are known no more.

CXXXV. *God's complacency in his thoughts of peace towards his people.* Jerem. xxix. 11.

1 VILER than duſt, O Lord, are we;
And doth thine anger ceaſe?
And doth thy gracious heart o'erflow
With purpoſes of peace?

2 And doſt thou with delight reflect
On what thy grace ſhall do?
And with complacency of ſoul
Enjoy the diſtant view?

3 And can thy often injur'd love
So kind a meſſage ſend,
That thou to all our lengthen'd woes
Wilt give the expected end?

4 Why droop our hearts? why flow our eyes,
While ſuch a voice we hear?
Why riſe our ſorrows and our fears,
While ſuch a friend is near?

5 To all thy other favours add
A heart to truſt thy word,
And death itſelf ſhall hear us ſing,
While reſting on the Lord.

CXXXVI. *The impudent Rebellion of the* Jewish *Refugees at* Pathros. Jer. xliv. 16, 17, 28.

WHOSE words againſt the Lord are ſtout?
Or who preſume to ſay,
"That ſov'reign law, which God proclaims,
"I dare to diſobey?"

2 Ten thouſand actions ev'ry where
The impious language ſpeak:
Yet pow'r omnipotent ſtands by,
Nor do its thunders break.

3 But O! the dreadful day draws near,
When God's avenging hand
Shall ſhew if feeble mortals breath,
Or God's own word ſhall ſtand,

4 My ſoul, with proſtrate rev'rence fall,
Before the voice divine;
And all thine int'reſt, and thy pow'rs
To its command reſign.

5 Speak, mighty Lord; thy ſervant waits
The purport of thy will:
My heart with ſecret ardour glows
Its Mandates * to fulfil.

6 Let the vain ſons of Belial boaſt
Their tongues and thoughts are free;
My nobleſt liberty I own,
When ſubject moſt to thee.

* Commands.

CXXXVII. *Aſking the way to* Zion, *in order to join in covenant with God.* Jer. l, 5.

1 ENQUIRE, ye pilgrims, for the way
That leads to Zion's hill,
And thither ſet your ſteady face
With a determin'd will.

2 Invite the ſtrangers all around
Your pious march to join;
And ſpread the ſentiments you feel
Of faith and love divine.

3 Come let us to his temple haſte,
And ſeek his favour there,
Before his footſtool humbly bow,
And pour out fervent pray'r.

4 Come let us join our ſouls to God
In everlaſting bands,
And ſeize the bleſſings he beſtows
With eager hearts and hands.

5 Come, let us ſeal without delay
The cov'nant of his grace;
Nor ſhall the years of diſtant life
Its memory efface *.

6 Thus may our riſing offſpring haſte
To ſeek their father's God,
Nor e'er forſake the happy path
Their youthful feet have trod.

* Blot out, deſtroy.

CXXXVIII

CXXXVIII. *Searching and trying our ways.*
Lament. iii. 40.

THY piercing eye, O God, ſurveys
The various windings of our ways;
Teach us their tendency to know,
And judge the paths in which we go.

How wild, how crooked have they been!
A maze of fooliſhneſs and ſin!
With all the light we vainly boaſt,
Leaving our guide, our ſouls are loſt.

Had not thy mercy been our aid,
So fatally our feet had ſtray'd,
Stern juſtice had its pris'ners led
Down to the chambers of the dead.

O turn us back to thee again,
Or we ſhall ſearch our ways in vain;
Shine, and the path of life reveal,
And bear us on to Zion's hill.

Roll on, ye ſwift-revolving years,
And end this round of ſins and cares;
No more a wand'rer would I roam,
But near my father fix at home.

CXXXIX. *The breath of our noſtrils taken in the pits of the enemy; applied to* CHRIST.
Lament. iv. 20.

BLEST Saviour, to my heart more dear
Than balmy gales of vital air;

Were thy ſoul-chearing preſence gone,
What uſe of breath, unleſs to groan?

2 Thy father's royal hand hath ſhed,
In rich profuſion on thy head,
Ten thouſand graces; Thou alone
Canſt ſhare, and canſt adorn his throne.

3 But ſee the ſov'reign captive led,
Snar'd in the pit which traitors made,
Fetter'd with ignominious bands,
And murder'd by rebellious hands.

4 Ye Saints, to your expiring king
Your tributary ſorrows bring;
In loyal crowds aſſemble round,
And bathe in tears each precious wound.

5 But from the caverns of the grave
He ſprings, omnipotent to ſave;
The captive-king aſcends and reigns,
And drags his conquer'd foes in chains.

6 Beneath his ſhade our ſouls ſhall live,
In all the rapture heaven can give;
Where Zion never ſhall deplore,
And heathens vex his church no more.

CXL. *Of lamenting national ſins.* Ezek. ix. 4—6

For a Faſt-Day.

1 O Righteous God, Thou judge ſupreme,
We tremble at thy dreadful name;
And all our crying guilt we own
In duſt and tears before thy throne.

2 So manifold our crimes have been,
Such crimſon tincture dyes our ſin,
That, could we all its horrors know,
Our ſtreaming eyes with blood might flow,

3 Britain, the land thine arm hath ſav'd,
That arm moſt impiouſly hath brav'd * ;
Britain, the iſle its God hath lov'd,
A rebel to that love hath prov'd.

4 Eſtrang'd from reverential awe,
We trample on thy ſacred law ;
And tho' ſuch wonders grace had done,
Anew we crucify thy ſon.

5 Juſtly might this polluted land
Prove all the vengeance of thy hand ;
And, bath'd in heaven † thy ſword might come
To drink our blood, and ſeal our doom.

6 Yet haſt thou not a remnant here,
Whoſe ſouls are fill'd with pious fear ?
O bring thy wonted mercy nigh,
While proſtrate at thy feet they lie.

7 Behold their tears, attend their moan,
Nor turn away their ſecret groan:
With theſe we join our humble pray'r ;
Our nation ſhield, our country ſpare.

8 But if the ſentence be decreed,
And our dear native land muſt bleed,
By thy ſure mark may we be known,
And ſave in life or death thy own.

* Defied.

† *Iſaiah* xxxiv. 5.

CXLI. *The iniquity of ſacrificing God's children*; or, *the evil of a bad or neglected education.* Ezek. xvi. 20, 21 *.

1 BEHOLD, O Iſrael's God,
From thine exalted throne,
And view the deſolate abode,
Thou once haſt call'd thy own.

2 The children of thy flock,
By early cov'nant thine,
See how they pour their bleeding Souls
On ev'ry idol's ſhrine † !

3 To Indolence and pride
What piteous victims made !
Cruſh'd in their parents fond embrace,
And by their care betray'd.

4 By pleaſure's poliſh'd dart
What numbers here are ſlain !
What numbers there for ſlaughter bound
In Mammon's golden chain !

5 O let thine arm awake,
And daſh the idols down :
O call the captives of their pow'r
Thy treaſure and thy crown.

6 Thee let the fathers own,
And thee the ſons adore,

* Alluding to the cruel cuſtom among ſome heathens of ſacrificing their children to their Gods, to which there are frequent references in ſcripture.

† Altar.

Join'd

Join'd to the Lord by ſolemn vows,
To be forgot no more.

CXLII. *The humility and ſubmiſſion of a penitent.* Ezek. xvi. 63.

1 O injur'd majeſty of heav'n
Look from thy holy throne,
While proſtrate rebels own with grief
What treaſons they have done.

2 Thy grace, when ſin abounded moſt,
Reigns with ſuperior ſway;
And pardons, bought with Jeſus' blood,
To rebels doth diſplay.

3 While love its grateful anthems tunes,
Tears mingle with the ſong;
My heart with tender anguiſh bleeds,
That I ſuch grace ſhould wrong.

4 How ſhall I lift theſe guilty eyes
To mine offended Lord?
Or how, beneath his heavieſt ſtrokes,
Pronounce one murm'ring word?

5 Remorſe and ſhame my lips have ſeal'd;
But O! my father ſpeak!
And all the harmony of heav'n
Shall thro' the ſilence break.

XLIII. *God bringing his people into the covenant under the rod.* Ezek. xx. 37.

HOW gracious and how wiſe
Is our chaſtiſing God!

And

And O! how rich the bleſſings are,
Which bloſſom from his rod!

2 He lifts it up on high
With pity in his heart,
That ev'ry ſtroke his children feel
May grace and peace impart.

3 Inſtructed thus they bow,
And own his ſov'reign ſway;
They turn their erring footſteps back
To his forſaken way.

4 His cov'nant-love they ſeek,
And ſeek the happy bands,
That cloſer ſtill engage their hearts
To honour his commands.

5 Dear father, we conſent
To diſcipline divine;
And bleſs the pains, that make our ſouls
Still more completely thine.

CXLIV. *God's condeſcenſion in becoming the ſhepherd of men.* Ezek. xxxiv. 31.

1 AND will the majeſty of heav'n
Accept us for his ſheep?
And with a ſhepherd's tender care
Such worthleſs creatures keep?

2 And will he ſpread his guardian-arms
Round our defenceleſs head?
And cauſe us gently to lie down
In his refreſhing ſhade?

3 And

3 And will he lead our weary ſouls
To that delightful ſcene,
Where rivers of ſalvation flow
Thro' paſtures ever green?

4 What thanks can mortal man repay
For favours great as thine?
Or how can tongues of feeble clay
Proclaim ſuch love divine?

5 Eternal God, how mean are we!
How richly gracious thou!
Our ſouls, o'erwhelm'd with humble joy,
In ſilent tranſports bow.

CXLV. *Seeking to God for the communication of his ſpirit.* Ezek. xxxvi. 37.

1 HEAR, gracious ſov'reign from thy throne,
And ſend thy various bleſſings down:
While by thine Iſrael thou art ſought,
Attend the pray'r thy word hath taught.

2 Come, ſacred ſpirit from above,
And fill the coldeſt heart with love;
Soften to fleſh the rugged ſtone,
And let thy godlike pow'r be known.

3 Speak thou, and from the haughtieſt eyes
Shall floods of pious ſorrow riſe;
While all their glowing ſouls are borne
To ſeek that grace, which now they ſcorn.

4 O let a holy flock await,
Num'rous around thy temple-gate,

Each

Each preſſing on with zeal to be
A living ſacrifice to thee.

5 In anſwer to our fervent cries,
Give us to ſee thy church ariſe;
Or, if that bleſſing ſeem too great,
Give us to mourn its low eſtate.

CXLVI. Ezekiel's *viſion of the dry bones.* Ezek. xxxvii. 3.

1 LOOK down, O Lord, with pitying eye;
See Adam's race in ruin lie;
Sin ſpreads its trophies o'er the ground,
And ſcatters ſlaughter'd heaps around.

2 And can theſe mould'ring corpſes live?
And can theſe periſh'd bones revive?
That, mighty God, to thee is known;
That wond'rous work is all thy own.

3 Thy miniſters are ſent in vain
To propheſy upon the ſlain;
In vain they call, in vain they cry,
Till thine almighty aid is nigh.

4 But if thy ſpirit deign to breathe,
Life ſpreads thro' all the realms of death;
Dry bones obey thy pow'rful voice;
They move, they waken, they rejoice.

5 So when thy trumpet's awful ſound
Shall ſhake the heav'ns, and rend the ground,
Dead ſaints ſhall from their tombs ariſe,
And ſpring to life beyond the ſkies.

CXLVII. *The waters of the ſanctuary healing the dead ſea** Ezek. xlvii. 8, 9.

1 GREAT ſource of being and of love,
Thou wat'reſt all the worlds above,
And all the joys we mortals know,
From thine exhauſtleſs fountain flow.

2 A ſacred ſpring, at thy command,
From Zion's mount, in Canaan's land,
Beſide thy temple, cleaves the ground,
And pours its limpid ſtream around.

3 The limpid ſtream with ſudden force
Swells to a river in its courſe;
Thro' deſart realms its windings play,
And ſcatter bleſſings all the way.

4 Cloſe by its banks in order fair,
The blooming trees of life appear;
Their bloſſoms fragrant odours give,
And on their fruit the nations live.

5 To the dead ſea, the waters flow,
And carry healing as they go;
Its pois'nous dregs their pow'r confeſs,
And all its ſhores the fountain bleſs.

6 Flow, wond'rous ſtream, with glory crown'd
Flow on to earth's remoteſt bound;
And bear us on thy gentle wave
To him, who all thy virtues gave.

* The ſea or lake, where *Sodom*, *Gomorrah*, &c. had ſtood, which was putrid and poiſonous; and antient writers ſay, that no fiſh could live in it.

CXLVIII. Tekel; or, *The ſinner weighed in God's balances, and found wanting.* Dan. v. 27.

1 RAISE, thoughtleſs ſinner, raiſe thine eye,
Behold God's balance lifted high:
There ſhall his juſtice be diſplay'd,
And there thy hope and life be weigh'd.

2 See in one ſcale his perfect law;
Mark with what force its precepts draw:
Wouldſt thou the awful teſt ſuſtain,
Thy works how light! thy thoughts how vain!

3 Behold the hand of God appears,
To trace theſe dreadful characters;
"Tekel, thy ſoul is wanting found,
"And wrath ſhall ſmite thee to the ground."

4 Let ſudden fear thy nerves unbrace;
Let horror ſhake thy tott'ring knees *;
Thro' all thy thoughts let anguiſh roll,
And deep repentance melt thy ſoul.

5 One only hope may yet prevail!
Chriſt hath a weight to turn the ſcale;
Still doth the goſpel publiſh peace,
And ſhew a Saviour's righteouſneſs.

6 Great God, exert thy pow'r to ſave;
Deep on the heart theſe truths engrave;
The pond'rous load of guilt remove,
That trembling lips may ſing thy love.

* Compare Verſe 6.

CXLIX.

CXLIX. *The backſlider recollecting himſelf in his afflictions.* Hoſea ii. 6, 7.

1 THE Lord, how kind are all his ways,
When moſt they ſeem ſevere!
He frowns, and ſcourges, and rebukes,
That we may learn his fear.

2 With thorns, he fences up our path,
And builds a wall around,
To guard us from the death, that lurks
In ſin's forbidden ground.

3 When other lovers, ſought in vain,
Our fond addreſs deſpiſe,
He opens his indulgent arms
With pity in his eyes.

4 Return, ye wand'ring ſouls, return,
And ſeek his tender breaſt;
Call back the mem'ry of the days,
When there you found your reſt.

5 Behold, O Lord, we fly to thee,
Tho' bluſhes veil our face,
Conſtrain'd our laſt retreat to ſeek
In thy much injur'd grace.

CL. *The advantages of ſeeking the knowledge of God.* Hoſea vi. 3.

1 SHINE forth, eternal Source * of light,
And make thy glories known;

* Fountain, or original.

Fill our enlarg'd adoring ſight
With luſtre all thy own.

2 Vain are the charms, and faint the rays
The brighteſt creatures boaſt;
And all their grandeur and their praiſe
Is in thy preſence loſt.

3 To know the author of our fame
Is our ſublimeſt ſkill:
True ſcience is to read thy name,
True life t' obey thy will.

4 For this I long, for this I pray,
And following on purſue,
Till viſions of eternal day
Fix and complete the view.

CLI. *Inconſtancy in religion.* Hoſea vi. 4.

1 PERPETUAL ſource of light and grace,
We hail thy ſacred name:
Thro' ev'ry year's revolving round
Thy goodneſs is the ſame.

2 On us, all-worthleſs as we are,
Its wond'rous mercy pours;
Sure as the heav'ns eſtabliſhed courſe,
And plenteous as the ſhow'rs.

3 Inconſtant ſervice we repay,
And treach'rous vows renew;
Falſe as the morning's ſcatt'ring cloud,
And tranſient as the dew.

4 In flowing tears our guilt we mourn,
And loud implore thy grace,

To

To bear our feeble footſteps on
In all thy righteous ways.

5 Arm'd with this energy divine,
Our ſouls ſhall ſtedfaſt move,
And with increaſing tranſports preſs
On to thy courts above.

6 So by thy pow'r the morning ſun
Purſues his radiant way,
Brightens each moment in his race,
And ſhines to perfect day.

CLII. *Gratitude the ſpring of true religion.*
Hoſea xi. 4.

1 MY God, what ſilken cords are thine!
How ſoft, and yet how ſtrong!
While pow'r and truth, and love combine
To draw our ſouls along.

2 Thou ſaw'ſt us cruſh'd beneath the yoke
Of Satan and of ſin:
Thy hand the iron bondage broke
Our worthleſs hearts to win.

3 The guilt of twice ten thouſand ſins
One moment takes away;
And grace, when firſt the war begins,
Secures the crowning day.

4 Comfort thro' all this vale of tears
In rich profuſion flows,
And glory of unnumber'd years
Eternity beſtows.

5 Drawn by ſuch cords we onward move,
Till round thy throne we meet;
And, captives in the chains of love,
Embrace our conqu'ror's feet.

CLIII. *The relentings of God's heart over his backſliding people.* Hoſea xi. 7, 8, 9.

1 YE ſinners on backſliding bent,
God's gracious call attend;
Shall not compaſſion ſo divine
Each ſtubborn ſpirit bend?

2 "How ſhall I give mine Iſrael up
"To ruin and deſpair?
"How pour down ſhow'rs of flaming wrath
"And make a Sodom there?

3 "My bowels ſtrong relentings feel;
"My heart is pain'd within:
"I will not all my wrath exert,
"Nor viſit all their ſin.

4 "The mercy of a God reſtrains
"The thunders of his hand:
"Come, ſeek protection from that pow'r,
"Which you can ne'er withſtand."

5 With trembling haſte, O God, to thee
Let ſinners wing their flight;
As doves, when birds of prey purſue,
Down on their windows light.

6 Father, we ſeek thy gracious arm,
All melted at thy voice;

O ma

O may thy heart, that feels our woes,
In our return rejoice.

CLIV. *God's controverſy by fire.* Amos iv. 11.

Occaſion of a dreadful fire.

1 ETERNAL God, our humbled ſouls
Before thy preſence bow;
With all thy magazines of wrath,
How terrible art thou!

2 Fann'd by thy breath, whole ſheets of flame
Do like a deluge pour;
And all our confidence of wealth
Lies moulder'd in an hour.

3 Led on by thee in horrid pomp,
Deſtruction rears its head;
And blacken'd walls, and ſmoaking heaps,
Thro' all the ſtreet are ſpread.

4 Lord, in the duſt we lay us down,
And mourn thy righteous Ire *;
Yet bleſs the hand of guardian love,
That ſnatch'd us from the fire.

5 O that the hateful dregs of ſin
Like droſs had periſh'd there,
That in fair Lines our purged ſouls
Might thy bright image bear.

6 So ſhall we view with dauntleſs eyes
The laſt tremendous day,
When earth and ſeas, and ſtars and ſkies,
In flames ſhall melt away.

* Anger.

CLV. Britain *unreformed by remarkable deliverances.* Amos iv. 11.

For a Faſt-Day.

1 YES Britain ſeem'd to ruin doom'd,
Juſt like a burning brand;
Till ſnatch'd from fierce ſurrounding flames
By God's indulgent hand.

2 "Once more (he ſays) I will ſuppreſs
"The wrath, that ſin would wake;
"Once more my patience ſhall attend,
"And call my Britain back."

3 But who this clemency reveres?
Or feels this melting grace?
Who ſtirs his languid ſpirit up
To ſeek thine awful face?

4 On days like theſe we pour our cries,
And at thy feet we mourn;
Then riſe to tempt thy wrath again,
And to our ſins return.

5 Our nation far from God remains,
Far, as in diſtant years;
And the ſmall remnant that is found,
A dying aſpect wears.

6 Chaſten'd and reſcu'd thus in vain,
Thy righteous hand ſevere
Into the flames might hurl us back,
And quite conſume us there.

7 So,

So, by the light our burning gives,
Might neighb'ring nations read,
How terrible thy judgments are,
And learn our guilt to dread.

Yet 'midſt the cry of ſins like ours,
Incline thy gracious ear;
And thy own children's feeble cry
With ſoft compaſſion hear.

O by the ſacred ſpirit's breath
Kindle a holy flame;
Refine the land thou might'ſt deſtroy,
And magnify thy name.

CLVI. *Preparing to meet God.* Amos iv. 12, 13.

HE comes, thy God, O Iſrael, comes;
Prepare thy God to meet:
Meet him in battle's force array'd,
Or humbled at his feet.

He form'd the mountains by his ſtrength;
He makes the winds to blow;
And all the ſecret thoughts of man
Muſt his Creator know.

He ſhades the morning's op'ning rays;
He ſhakes the ſolid world;
And ſtars and angels from their ſeats
Are by his thunder hurl'd.

Eternal ſov'reign of the ſkies,
And ſhall thine Iſrael dare
In mad rebellion to ariſe,
And tempt th' unequal war?

5 Lo, nations tremble at thy frown,
And faint beneath thy rod;
Cruſh'd by its gentle movement down,
They fall, tremendous God.

6 Avert the terrors of thy wrath,
And let thy mercy ſhine;
While humble penitence and pray'r
Approve us truly thine.

CLVII. Jonah's *faith recommended.* Jonah ii. 4.

1 LORD, we have broke thy holy laws,
And ſlighted all thy grace;
And juſtly thy vindictive * wrath
Might caſt us from thy face.

2 Yet while ſuch precedents appear
Mark'd in thy ſacred book,
We from theſe depths of guilt and fear
Will to thy temple look.

3 To thee, in our redeemer's name,
We raiſe our humble cries;
May theſe our pray'rs, perfum'd by him,
Like grateful incenſe riſe.

4 O never may our hopeleſs eyes
An abſent God deplore,
Where the dear temples of thy love
Shall ſtand reveal'd no more.

5 Far from thoſe regions of deſpair
Appoint our ſouls a place,
Where not a frown thro' endleſs years
Shall veil thy lovely face.

* Avenging.

CLVIII.

CLVIII. *God's controverſy with* Britain *ſtated and pleaded.* Micah vi. 1, 2, 3.

For a Faſt-Day.

1 LISTEN, ye hills; ye mountains, hear;
Jehovah vindicates his laws;
Trembling in ſilence at his bar,
Thou earth, attend thy maker's cauſe.

2 Iſrael appear; preſent thy plea;
And charge th' Almighty to his face;
Say, if his rules oppreſſive be;
Say, if defective be his grace.

3 Eternal judge, the action ceaſe;
Our lips are ſeal'd in conſcious ſhame;
'Tis ours, in ſackloth to confeſs,
And thine, the ſentence to proclaim.

4 Ten thouſand witneſſes ariſe,
Thy mercies, and our crimes appear,
More than the ſtars that deck the ſkies,
And all our dreadful guilt declare.

5 How ſhall we come before thy face,
And in thine awful preſence bow?
What offers can ſecure thy grace,
Or calm the terrors of thy brow?

6 Thouſands of rams in vain might bleed;
Rivers of oil might blaze in vain!
Or the firſt-born's devoted head
With horrid gore thine altar ſtain.

7 But thy own lamb, all-gracious God,
Whom impious ſinners dar'd to ſlay,

Hath

Hath ſov'reign virtue in his blood
To purge the nation's guilt away.

8 With humble faith to that we fly;
With that be Britain ſprinkled o'er;
Trembling no more in duſt we lie,
And dread thy hand and bar no more.

CLIX. *Hearing the voice of God's rod.* Micah vi. 9.

1 ATTEND, my ſoul, with rev'rend awe,
The dictates of thy God;
Silent and trembling hear the voice
Of his appointed rod.

2 Now let me ſearch and try my ways,
And proſtrate ſeek his face,
Conſcious of guilt before his throne
In duſt my ſoul abaſe.

3 Teach me, my God, what's yet unknown,
And all my crimes forgive;
Thoſe crimes would I no more repeat
But to thy honour live.

4 My wither'd joys too plainly ſhew,
That all on earth is vain;
In God my wounded heart confides
True reſt and bleſs to gain.

5 Father, I wait thy gracious call,
To leave this mournful land,
And bathe in rivers of delight,
That flow at thy right hand.

CLX.

CLX. *God's incomparable mercy admired*
Micah vii. 18, 19, 20.

SUPREME in mercy, who ſhall dare
With thy compaſſion to compare?
For thy own ſake wilt thou forgive,
And bid the trembling ſinner live.

Millions of our tranſgreſſions paſt,
Cancell'd behind thy back are caſt;
Thy grace, a ſea without a ſhore,
O'erflows them, and they riſe no more.

And leſt new legions ſhould invade,
And make the pardon'd ſouls afraid,
Our inbred luſts thou wilt ſubdue,
And from degen'rate hearts anew.

Our leader-God, our ſongs proclaim;
We lift our banners in his name;
With ſongs of triumph forth we go,
And level the gigantic foe.

His truth to Jacob ſhall prevail;
His oath to Abram cannot fail:
The hope of ſaints in ancient days,
Which ages yet unborn ſhall praiſe.

CLXI. *The impoveriſhed ſaint rejoicing in God.*
Habakkuk iii. 17, 18.

SO firm the ſaint's foundations ſtand,
Nor can his hopes remove;
Suſtain'd by God's almighty hand,
And ſhelter'd in his love.

2 Fig-

2 Fig-trees and olive-plants may fail,
And vines their fruit deny,
Famine thro' all his fields prevail,
And flocks and herds may die.

3 God is the treaſure of his ſoul,
A ſource of ſacred joy;
Which no affliction can controul,
Nor death itſelf deſtroy.

4 Lord, may we feel thy charming beams,
And taſte thy ſaints repoſe,
We will not mourn the periſh'd ſtreams,
While ſuch a fountain flows

CLXII. *God's afflicted poor truſting in his name.* Zephaniah iii. 12.

1 PRAISE to the ſov'reign of the ſky,
Who from his lofty throne
Looks down on all that humble lie,
And calls ſuch ſouls his own.

2 The haughty ſinner he diſdains,
Tho' gems his temples crown;
And from the ſeat of pomp and pride
His vengeance hurls him down.

3 On his afflicted pious poor
He makes his face to ſhine;
He fills their cottages of clay
With luſtre all divine.

4 Among the meaneſt of thy flock
There let my dwelling be,
Rather than under gilded roofs,
If abſent, Lord, from thee.

5 Poor and afflicted tho' we are,
In thy ſtrong name we truſt;
And bleſs the hand of ſov'reign love,
Which lifts us from the duſt.

CLXIII. *God comforting and rejoicing over* Zion. Zeph. iii. 16, 17.

1 YES, 'tis the voice of love divine!
And O! how ſweet the accents ſound!
Afflicted Zion, riſe and ſhine,
Fair mourner, proſtrate on the ground.

2 The mighty God, thy glorious king,
Tender to pity, ſtrong to ſave,
Hath ſworn he will ſalvation bring,
Tho' ſorrow preſs me to the grave.

3 He all a father's pleaſure knows
To fold thee in his dear embrace;
His heart with ſecret joy o'erflows,
And chearful ſmiles adorn his face.

4 At length the inward ecſtaſy,
In heav'nly muſic breaks its way *;
Jehovah leads the harmony,
And angels teach their harps the lay †.

5 Fain would my lips the chorus ‡ join,
And tell the liſt'ning world my joys,
But condeſcenſion ſo divine
In ſilence ſwallows up my voice.

* See the marginal reading.
† Song.
‡ Company of ſingers.

CLXIV. *Practical reflections on the state of our fathers.* Zech. i. 5.

1 HOW swift the torrent rolls,
That bears us to the sea!
The tide that bears our thoughtless souls
To vast eternity!

2 Our fathers, where are they,
With all they call'd their own?
Their joys and griefs, and hopes and cares,
And wealth and honour gone.

3 But joy or grief succeeds
Beyond our mortal thought,
While the poor remnant of their dust
Lies in the grave forgot.

4 There, where the fathers lie,
Must all the children dwell;
Nor other heritage possess,
But such a gloomy cell.

5 God of our fathers, hear,
Thou everlasting friend!
While we, as on life's utmost verge*,
Our souls to thee commend.

6 Of all the pious dead
May we the footsteps trace,
Till with them in the land of light
We dwell before thy face.

CLXV.

* Edge or border.

LXV. Joſhua *the high-prieſt's change of raiment, applied to chriſtian privileges.* Zech. iii. 4.

ETERNAL King, thy robes are white,
In ſpotleſs rays of heav'nly light;
Adoring angels round are ſeen,
Yet in thy preſence are not clean.

What then are we, the ſons of earth,
That draw pollution from our birth?
Our fleſhly garments, Lord, how mean!
O'erſpread with hateful ſpots of ſin.

Hail to that condeſcending grace,
Which ſhews a Saviour's righteouſneſs!
Eternal honours to that name,
Which covers all our guilt and ſhame!

His blood, an overflowing ſea,
Shall purge our deepeſt ſtains away:
Our ſouls, renew'd by grace divine,
Shall in their Lord's reſemblance ſhine.

Yet, while theſe rags of fleſh we wear,
Pollution will again appear:
Come, death, and eaſe me of the load;
Come, death, and bear my ſoul to God.

The King of heav'n will there beſtow
A richer robe than monarchs know;
Dreſs all his ſaints in glitt'ring white;
Not Joſhua's mitre ſhone ſo bright.

The grave its trophies ſhall reſign,
Chriſt will the mould'ring duſt refine;

And death, the laſt of foes, ſhall be
Swallowed and loſt in victory.

8 My faith, on tow'ring pinions borne,
Anticipates that glorious morn;
And, with celeſtial raptures ſtrong,
Gives mortal lips, th' immortal ſong.

CLXVI. Joſhua *the high-prieſt's zeal and fidelity rewarded with a ſtation among the angels.* Zech. iii. 6, 7.

For the ordination of a miniſter.

1 GREAT Lord of angels, we adore
The grace, that builds thy courts below;
And thro' ten thouſand ſons of light;
Stoops to regard what mortals do.

2 Amidſt the waſtes of time and death
Succeſſive paſtors thou doſt raiſe
Thy charge to keep, thy houſe to guide,
And form a people for thy praiſe.

3 The heav'nly natives with delight
Hover around the ſacred place;
Nor ſcorn to learn from mortal tongues
The wonders of redeeming grace.

4 At length, diſmiſs'd from feeble clay,
Thy ſervants join th' angelic band;
With them thro' diſtant worlds they fly,
With them before thy preſence ſtand.

5 O glorious hope! O bleſt employ!
Sweet lenitive * of grief and care!

* What eaſeth or aſſuageth.

When

When ſhall we reach thoſe radiant courts,
And all their joy and honour ſhare?

Yet while theſe labours we purſue,
Thus diſtant from thy heav'nly throne,
Give us a zeal and love like theirs,
And half their heav'n ſhall here be known.

LXVII. *The compleating of the ſpiritual temple.* Zech. iv. 7.

SING to the Lord above,
Who deigns on earth to raiſe
A temple to his love,
A monument of praiſe,
Ye ſaints around,
Thro' all its frame,
The builder's name
Harmonious ſound.

He form'd the glorious plan,
And its foundation laid,
That God might dwell with man,
And mercy be diſplay'd;
His ſon he ſent,
Who, great and good,
Made his own blood
The ſweet cement.

Beneath his eye and care
The edifice ſhall riſe
Majeſtic ſtrong and fair,
And ſhine above the ſkies.

There ſhall He place
The poliſh'd ſtone,
Ordain'd to crown
This work of grace.

CLXVIII *The error of deſpiſing the day of ſmall things.* Zech. iv. 10.

1 "WHAT haughty ſcorner," ſaith the Lord,
"Shall humble things deſpiſe,
"When He beholds them with delight,
"Who reigns beyond the ſkies?

2 "I from a chaos dark and wild *
"Made heav'n's bright hoſt appear:
"I from the ſmall unnotic'd ſeeds
"The loftieſt cedars rear.

3 "From Eden's duſt I Adam form'd,
"The nobleſt human frame;
"And in his humble ſons diſplay
"The honours of my name.

4 "From fiſhermen, in number few,
"In human hearts untaught,
"All the wide realms my church can boaſt,
"My potent hand hath brought.

5 "The pious poor, by men deſpis'd,
"In deareſt bonds are mine;
"Once hardly dreſt in humble weeds ‡,
"They now like angels ſhine."

6 Lord, if ſuch trophies rais'd from duſt
Thy ſov'reign glory be,

* *Geneſis* i. 2, 3. ‡ Garments.

Here

Here in my heart thy pow'r may find
Materials fit for thee.

CLXIX. *Priſoners delivered from the pit by the blood of the covenant.* Zech. ix. 11.

YE pris'ners, who in bondage lie,
In darkneſs and the pit,
Behold the grace that ſets us free,
And to thy grace ſubmit.

The tidings of deliv'rance hear,
Confeſs the cov'nant good,
And bleſs the ranſom God hath found
In our Emanuel's blood.

Juſtice no more aſſerts its claim
Your forfeit lives to take;
But ſmiling mercy quick deſcends
Your heavy chains to break.

We walk at large, and ſing the hand,
To which we freedom owe;
And drink thoſe rivers with delight,
Which thro' this deſart flow.

He, that hath liberty beſtow'd,
Will give a kingdom too;
He, that hath loos'd the bonds of death,
The path of life will ſhow.

CLXX. *The fountain of life.* Zech. xiii. 1.

HAIL, everlaſting ſpring!
Celeſtial fountain, hail!

Thy

Thy ſtreams ſalvation bring,
The waters never fail:
Still they endure,
And ſtill they flow,
For all our woe
A ſov'reign cure.

2 Bleſt be his wounded ſide,
And bleſt his bleeding heart,
Who all in anguiſh died
Such favours to impart.
His ſacred blood
Shall make us clean
From ev'ry ſin,
And fit for God.

3 To that dear ſource of love
Our ſouls this day would come:
And thither from above,
Lord, call the nations home;
That Jew and Greek
With rapt'rous ſongs
On all their tongues
Thy praiſe may ſpeak.

CLXXI. *God's name profaned when his table is treated with contempt.* Mal. i. 12.

Applied to the Lord's-ſupper.

1 MY God, and is thy table ſpread?
And does thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all thy children led,
And let them all its ſweetneſs know.

2 Hail

2 Hail ſacred feaſt, which Jéſus makes!
Rich banquet of his fleſh and blood!
Thrice happy he, who here partakes
That ſacred ſtream, that heav'nly food!

3 Why are its dainties all in vain
Before unwilling hearts diſplay'd?
Was not for you the victim ſlain?
Are you forbid the children's bread?

4 O let thy table honour'd be,
And furniſh'd well with joyful gueſts;
And may each ſoul ſalvation ſee,
That here its ſacred pledges taſte.

5 Let crowds approach with hearts prepar'd;
With hearts inflam'd let all attend;
Nor, when we leave our father's board,
The pleaſure, or the profit end.

6 Revive thy dying churches, Lord,
And bid our drooping graces live;
And more that energy afford,
A Saviour's blood alone can give.

CLXXII. *God's gracious regard to active attempts to revive religion.* Mal. iii. 16, 17.

THE Lord on mortal worms looks down,
From his celeſtial throne;
And, when the wicked ſwarm around,
He well diſcerns his own.

2 He ſees the tender hearts, that mourn,
The ſcandals of the times;

And

And join their efforts to oppoſe
The wide prevailing crimes.

3 Low to the ſocial band he bows
His ſtill attentive ear;
And, while his angels ſing around,
Delights their voice to hear.

4 The chronicles of heav'n ſhall keep
Their words in tranſcript fair;
In the Redeemer's book of life
Their names recorded are.

5 "Yes (ſaith the Lord) the world ſhall know
"Theſe humble ſouls are mine:
"Theſe, when my jewels I produce,
"Shall in full luſtre ſhine.

6 "When deluges of fiery wrath
"My foes away ſhall bear,
"That hand, which ſtrikes the wicked thro',
"Shall all my children ſpare."

CLXXIII. *Chriſt, the Sun of righteouſneſs.* Mal. iv. 2.

1 TO thee, O God, we homage pay,
Source of the light that rules the day;
Who, while he gilds all nature's frame,
Reflects thy rays, and ſpeaks thy name.

2 In louder ſtrains we ſing that grace,
Which gives the ſun of righteouſneſs;
Whoſe noble light ſalvation brings,
And ſcatters healing from his wings.

3 Still

3 Still on our hearts may Jeſus ſhine;
With beams of light and love divine;
Quicken'd by him our ſouls ſhall live,
And chear'd by him ſhall grow and thrive.

4 O may his glories ſtand confeſs'd
From north to ſouth, from eaſt to weſt:
Succeſsful may his goſpel run,
Wide as the circuit of the ſun.

5 When ſhall that radiant ſcene ariſe,
When, fix'd on high in purer ſkies,
Chriſt all his luſtre ſhall diſplay
On all his ſaints thro' endleſs day?

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HYMN CLXXIV.

The ax laid to the root of unfruitful trees.
Matt. iii. 13.

1 THE Lord into his vineyard comes
Our various fruit to ſee;
His eye, more piercing than the light,
Examines ev'ry tree.

2 Tremble, ye ſinners, at his frown,
If barren ſtill ye ſtand;
And fear that keenly-wounding ax,
Which arms his awful hand.

3 Cloſe to the root behold it laid,
To make deſtruction ſure:
Who can reſiſt the mighty ſtroke?
Or who the fire endure?

4 Lord

4 Lord, we adore thy ſparing love,
Thy long-expecting grace:
Elſe had we low in ruin fall'n,
And known no more our place.

5 Succeeding years thy patience waits;
Nor let it wait in vain;
But form in us abundant fruit,
And ſtill this fruit maintain.

CLXXV. *The light of good examples, the moſt effectual way to glorify God.* Matt. v. 16.

1 GREAT teacher of thy church, we own
Thy precepts all divinely wiſe:
O may thy mighty pow'r be ſhown
To fix them ſtill before our eyes.

2 Deep on our hearts thy law engrave,
And fill our breaſts with heav'nly zeal,
That, while we truſt thy pow'r to ſave,
We may that ſacred law fulfil.

3 Adorn'd with ev'ry heav'nly grace,
May our examples brightly ſhine,
And the ſweet luſtre of thy face
Reflected beam from each of thine.

4 Theſe lineaments *, divinely fair,
Our heav'nly father ſhall proclaim;
And men, that view his image there,
Shall join to glorify his name.

* Features.

CLXXVI. *Providential bounties surveyed and improved.* Matt. v. 45.

1 FATHER of lights, we ſing thy name,
Who kindleſt up the lamp of day*;
Wide as he ſpreads his golden flame,
His beams thy pow'r and love diſplay.

2 Fountain of good, from thee proceed
The copious drops of genial ‡ rain;
Which thro' the hills, and thro' the mead
Revive the graſs, and ſwell the grain.

3 Thro' the wide world thy bounties ſpread
Yet millions of our guilty race,
Tho' by thy daily bounty fed,
Affront thy law, and ſpurn thy grace.

4 Not ſo may our forgetful hearts
O'erlook the tokens of thy care;
But, what thy lib'ral hand imparts,
Still own in praiſe, ſtill aſk in pray'r.

5 So ſhall our ſuns more grateful ſhine,
And ſhow'rs in ſweeter drops ſhall fall,
When all our hearts and lives are thine,
And thou, our God, enjoy'd in all.

6 Jeſus, our brighter ſun, ariſe;
In plenteous ſhow'rs thy ſpirit ſend;
Earth then ſhall grow a paradiſe,
And in the heav'nly Eden end.

* The ſun. ‡ Making fruitful.

CLXXVII. *Secret prayer.* Matt. vi. 6.

1 FATHER divine, thy piercing eye
Shoots thro' the darkeſt night;
In deep retirement thou art nigh,
With heart-diſcerning ſight.

2 There ſhall that piercing eye ſurvey
My duteous homage paid,
With ev'ry morning's dawning ray,
And ev'ry ev'ning's ſhade.

3 O may thy own celeſtial fire
The incenſe ſtill inflame:
While my warm vows to thee aſpire,
Thro' my Redeemer's name.

4 So ſhall the viſits of thy love
My ſoul in ſecret bleſs;
So ſhalt thou deign in worlds above
Thy ſuppliant to confeſs.

CLXXVIII. *Seeking firſt the kingdom of God,* &c. Matt. vi. 33.

1 NOW let a true ambition riſe,
And ardour fire our breaſt,
To reign in worlds above the ſkies,
In heav'nly glories dreſt.

2 Behold Jehovah's royal hand
A radiant crown diſplay,
Whoſe gems with vivid luſtre ſhine,
While ſtars and ſuns decay.

3 Away, each grov'ling anxious care,
Beneath a chriſtian's thought;
I ſpring to ſeize immortal joys,
Which my Redeemer bought.

4 Ye hearts with youthful vigour warm,
The glorious prize purſue;
Nor ſhall ye want the goods of earth,
While heaven is kept in view.

CLXXIX. *Pardon ſpoken by Chriſt.* Matt. ix. 2.

1 MY Saviour, let me hear thy voice,
Pronounce theſe words of peace;
And all my warmeſt pow'rs ſhall join
To celebrate the grace.

2 With gentle ſmiles call me thy child,
And ſpeak my ſins forgiv'n;
The accents mild ſhall charm mine ear
All like the harps of heav'n.

3 Chearful, where'er thy hand ſhall lead,
The darkeſt path I'll tread;
Chearful I'll quit theſe mortal ſhores,
And mingle with the dead.

4 When dreadful guilt is done away,
No other fears we know;
That hand, that ſcatters pardons down,
Shall crowns of life beſtow.

CLXXX. *The relapsing demoniac.* Matt xii. 43—45.

1 SOv'reign of heav'n, thine empire spreads
O'er all the worlds on high:
And at thy frowns th' infernal pow'rs
In wild confusion fly.

2 Like lightning from his glitt'ring throne
The great arch-traitor fell,
Driv'n with enormous ruin down
To infamy and hell.

3 Permitted now to range at large,
And traverse * earth and air,
O'er captive human souls he reigns,
And boasts his kingdom there.

4 Yet thence thy grace can drive him out
With one almighty word;
O send thy potent sceptre forth,
And reign victorious, Lord.

5 Let wretched pris'ners be releas'd
The smiling light to view;
Nor let the vanquish'd foe return
Their bondage to renew.

6 May grace complete that wond'rous work,
Which thy own pow'r begun,
And fill, from Satan's gloomy realms,
The kingdom of thy son.

* Wander thro'.

CLXXXI. *The faith of the* Syrophœnician *woman recommended.* Matt. xv. 26, 27.

1 ALL-conqu'ring faith, how high it roſe,
When heav'n itſelf might ſeem t' oppoſe!
All-gracious Lord, who didſt appear
Moſt merciful, when moſt ſevere!

2 Thus at thy feet our ſouls would fall,
And loudly thus for mercy call;
"Thou ſon of David, pity ſhew,
"And ſave us from th' infernal foe."

3 Tho' viler than the brutes we be,
Our longing eyes would wait on thee,
Who doſt to dogs this grace afford,
To taſte thy crumbs beneath thy board.

4 But thou the humble ſoul wilt raiſe,
And all its ſorrows turn to praiſe,
Each ſelf-abaſing broken heart,
Shall with thy children ſhare a part.

CLXXXII. *The church built on a rock, and ſecured againſt the gates of hell.* Matt. xvi. 18.

1 NOW let the gates of Zion ſing,
And challenge all her ſpiteful foes:
She triumphs in her Saviour-king,
In him, who from the dead aroſe.

2 He is the rock, on whom we reſt,
And firm on that foundation ſtand;

Divine

Divine compaſſion fills his breaſt,
His word is ſure, and ſtrong his hand.

3 Hell and its hoſt may rage in vain;
Vain are their counſels and their pow'r;
Grim death may marſhal all his train,
And boaſt the conqueſt of an hour.

4 Breathleſs and pale his ſervants lie,
And know their former place no more;
Their children raiſe his praiſes high,
And o'er their father's duſt adore.

5 Their father's duſt the Lord ſhall raiſe,
And burſt the barriers of the grave;
Parents and children join his praiſe,
Who thro' eternity can ſave.

CLXXXIII. *Chriſt's transfiguration.* Matt. xvii. 4.

1 WHEN at this diſtance, Lord, we trace
The various glories of thy face,
What tranſport pours o'er all our breaſt,
And charms our cares and woes to reſt!

2 With thee in the obſcureſt cell
On ſome bleak mountain would I dwell,
Rather than pompous courts behold,
And ſhare their grandeur and their gold.

3 Away ye dreams of mortal joy!
Raptures divine my thoughts employ!
I ſee the king of glory ſhine;
And feel his love, and call him mine.

4 On Tabor * thus his ſervants view'd
His luſtre, when transform'd he ſtood;
And, bidding earthly ſcenes farewel,
Cried, " Lord, 'tis pleaſant here to dwell."

5 Yet ſtill our elevated eyes
To nobler viſions long to riſe;
That grand aſſembly would we join,
Where all thy ſaints around thee ſhine.

6 That mount how bright! thoſe forms how fair!
'Tis good to dwell for ever there:
Come, death, dear envoy ‡ of my God,
And bear me to that bleſt abode.

* The mountain on which Chriſt was transfigured.
‡ Meſſenger or ambaſſador.

CLXXXIV. *The grace of Chriſt in miniſtring to men, and dying for them.* Matt. xx. 28.

1 SAVIOUR of men, and Lord of love,
How ſweet thy gracious name!
With joy that errand we review,
On which thy mercy came.

2 While all thy own angelic bands
Stood waiting on the wing,
Charm'd with the honour to obey
The word of ſuch a king;

3 For us mean wretched ſinful men
Thou laid'ſt that glory by,
Firſt in our mortal fleſh to ſerve,
Then in that fleſh to die.

4 Bought

4 Bought with thy ſervice and thy blood,
We doubly, Lord, are thine;
To thee our lives we would devote,
To thee our death reſign.

5 Bleſt man, who in thy cauſe conſumes
His vig'rous days with zeal!
Then with the laſt ſlow ebb of blood
Is call'd thy truth to ſeal!

CLXXXV. *Chriſt's compaſſionate readineſs to gather ſouls.* Matt. xxiii. 37, 38.

1 SEE how the Lord of mercy ſpreads
His gentle hands abroad;
And warns us of the circling foes,
That thirſt to drink our blood!

2 "Fly to the ſhelter of mine arms,
"And dwell ſecure from fear;
"Nor earth nor hell ſhall pluck you thence,
"Or reach, and wound you there."

3 With anxious heart the parent-bird
Thus calls her offspring round,
When horrid vultures beat the air,
And ſlaughter ſtains the ground.

4 The trembling brood, by nature taught,
Fly to the known retreat,
Beneath her downy wings are ſafe,
And find the ſhelter ſweet.

5 But men, alas! more thoughtleſs men,
Refuſe to lend an ear;

Their

Their only refuge madly fly,
And rather die, than hear.

6 They ſpurn the Saviour's offer'd grace,
Till they his wrath inflame;
Then deſolation lays them low
In agony and ſhame.

CLXXXVI. *The abounding of iniquity, and coldneſs of chriſtian love.* Matt. xxiv. 12.

For a Faſt-Day.

1 ALAS for Britain, and her ſons!
What hath ſhe not to fear?
The ſins, that ruin'd Sodom once,
O how triumphant here!

2 Alas the ſtrong o'erflowing tide!
How fiercely doth it rage!
And each foreboding ſymptom joins
In terrible preſage.

3 Yet who hath eyes that can diſcern?
Or who an ear to hear?
Whoſe heart is trembling for the ark?
Or for his country dear?

4 Cold is the love of chriſtian breaſts,
If chriſtian breaſts remain;
And dying, the laſt ſparks of zeal,
Or its laſt efforts vain.

5 Of Britain, oft chaſtis'd and ſav'd,
What ſhall the end be found?

Shall

Shall not the ſword, that waves ſo long
Inflict the deeper wound?

6 O ſtay thine arm, all-gracious God;
Thy ſpirit largely pour;
He can the ſtreams of guilt reſtrain,
And dying love reſtore.

CLXXXVII. *The final ſentence, and happineſs of the righteous.* Matt. xxv. 34.

1 ATTEND mine ear; my heart rejoice;
While Jeſus from his throne,
Begirt with all th' angelic hoſts,
Makes his laſt ſentence known.

2 When ſinners, curſed from his face,
To raging flames are driv'n,
His voice, with melody divine,
Thus calls his ſaints to heav'n.

3 "Bleſt of my father, all draw near,
"Receive the large reward;
"And riſe with raptures to poſſeſs
"The kingdom love prepar'd.

4 "Ere earth's foundations firſt were laid,
"This ſov'reign purpoſe wrought,
"And rear'd thoſe palaces divine,
"To which you now are brought.

5 "There ſhall you reign unnumber'd years,
"Protected by my pow'r,
"While ſin and hell, and pains and cares,
"Shall vex your ſouls no more."

6 Come,

6 Come, dear majeſtic Saviour, come,
This Jubilee proclaim,
And teach us accents fit to praiſe
So great, ſo dear a name.

CLXXXVIII. *Relieving Chriſt in his poor ſaints.* Matt. xxv. 40.

1 JESUS, my Lord, how rich thy grace!
Thy bounties how complete!
How ſhall I count the matchleſs ſum?
How pay the mighty debt?

2 High on a throne of radiant light
Doſt thou exalted ſhine;
What can my poverty beſtow,
When all the worlds are thine?

3 But thou haſt brethren here below,
The partners of thy grace,
And wilt confeſs their humble names
Before thy father's face.

4 In them thou may'ſt be cloath'd, and fed,
And viſited and chear'd,
And in their accents of diſtreſs
My Saviour's voice is heard.

5 Thy face with rev'rence and with love
I in thy poor would ſee;
O rather let me beg my bread,
Than hold it back from thee.

CLXXXIX. *The final sentence and misery of the wicked.* Matt. xxv. 41.

AND will the judge descend?
And must the dead arise?
And not a single soul escape
His all-discerning eyes?

And from his righteous lips
Shall such a sentence sound?
And thro' the millions of the damn'd
Spread black despair around?

"Depart from me, accurs'd,
"To everlasting flame,
"For rebel angels first prepar'd,
"Where mercy never came."

How will my heart endure
The terrors of that day,
When earth and heav'n before his face
Astonish'd shrink away?

But ere that trumpet shakes
The mansions of the dead,
Hark from the gospel's gentle voice
What joyful tidings spread!

Ye sinners seek his grace,
Whose wrath ye cannot bear;
Fly to the shelter of his cross,
And find salvation there.

So shall that curse remove
By which the Saviour bled,

nd the laſt awful day ſhall pour
His bleſſings on your head.

CXC. *Chriſt's ſubmiſſion to his father's will.* Matt. xxvi. 42.

1 "FATHER divine," (the Saviour cried,
While horrors preſs'd on ev'ry ſide,
And proſtrate on the ground he lay)
"Remove this bitter cup away.

2 "But if theſe pangs muſt ſtill be borne,
"Or helpleſs man be left forlorn,
"I bow my ſoul before thy throne,
"And ſay, Thy will, not mine, be done."

3 Thus our ſubmiſſive ſouls would bow,
And, taught by Jeſus, lie as low;
Our hearts, and not our lips alone,
Would ſay, Thy will, not ours, be done.

4 Then, tho' like him in duſt we lie,
We'll view the bliſsful moment nigh,
Which, from our portion in his pains,
Calls to the joy in which he reigns.

CXCI. *Reflections on the Diſciples forſaking Chriſt when he was betrayed.* Matt. xxvi. 56

1 BEHOLD the ſon of God's delight;
His ſmiles how ſweet! His rays how bright!
A friend of tenderneſs unknown:
To the laſt breath he lov'd his own.

2 But lo, his friends, his brethren dear
Fled, when they ſaw his danger near;
And not one gen'rous heart remains
To ſhield his life, or ſhare his pains.

3 So frail is man; ſo frail are we,
When unſupported, Lord, by thee;
Thus ſhrinks our faith; thus droops our love;
And thus our vows abortive prove.

4 Bleſt Jeſus, thy own pow'r impart,
And bind in cords of love my heart:
The fugitive no more ſhall flee,
But keep thro' death its hold on thee.

CXCII. Chriſt's *complaint of his Father's forſaking him on the croſs.* Matt. xxvii. 46.

1 WHAT doleful accents do I hear?
What piercing cry invades mine ear?
Loaded with ſhame, and bath'd in blood,
Who calls to a forſaking God?

2 Amazing and heart-rending ſight!
'Tis his own darling and delight,
Who once in his embraces lay,
Dearer than all the ſons of day!

3 Yet when this Jeſus died for me,
Diſtended on the curſed tree,
God ſtood afar, nor would afford
One pitying look, one chearing word.

4 What then, my ſoul, muſt thou have felt,
If preſs'd with all thy load of guilt,

Beneath whoſe weight the Saviour cries,
Who form'd the earth, and built the ſkies!

5 But in that dark tremendous hour
Unconquer'd faith exerts its pow'r;
My God, my Father, cried aloud,
And heav'n th' endearing name avow'd.

6 From death, from earth, he rais'd his ſon,
And gave him for his croſs a throne;
Triumphant there the ſuff'rer reigns,
And reaps the harveſt of his pains.

7 Eternal raptures there are known;
Nor flows the joy on him alone,
But for his ſake the Lord hath ſwore,
To leave the meaneſt ſaint no more.

CXCIII. *The ſame.* Matt. xxvii. 46.

1 MY Saviour, didſt thou die for me;
For me ſend forth that bitter cry?
With bleeding heart thy wounds I ſee,
Prepar'd at thy command to die.

2 By all thine anguiſh on the croſs,
When God thy father ſtood afar,
Rich in thy temporary loſs,
Thy church is brought for ever near.

3 From far the beamings of thy throne
Reviv'd my ſympathizing heart;
Thy love made ſinners griefs thy own,
Mine in thy joys muſt take its part.

4 Midſt all the ſplendours of thy reign,
Think on the ſorrows thou haſt felt;

Nor

Nor let a mourner weep in vain,
For whom thy precious blood was ſpilt.

5 While thro' earth's darkeſt gloom I tread,
Dart to my ſoul a chearing ray;
And on the confines of the dead,
Thy pow'r, as Lord of life, diſplay.

CXCIV. *The angel's reply to the women, that ſought Chriſt.* Matt. xxviii. 5, 6.

1 YE humble ſouls, that ſeek the Lord,
Chaſe all your fears away:
And bow with pleaſure down to ſee
The place where Jeſus lay.

2 Thus low the Lord of life was brought;
Such wonders love can do;
Thus cold in death that boſom lay,
Which throbb'd, and bled for you.

3 A moment give a looſe to grief;
Let grateful ſorrows riſe,
And waſh the bloody ſtains away
With torrents from your eyes.

4 Then raiſe your eyes, and tune your ſongs,
The Saviour lives again;
Not all the bolts and bars of death
The conqu'ror could detain.

5 High o'er th' angelic bands he rears
His once diſhonour'd head;
And thro' unnumber'd years he reigns,
Who dwelt among the dead.

6 With joy like his ſhall ev'ry ſaint
His empty tomb ſurvey;
Then riſe with his aſcending Lord
Thro' all his ſhining way.

CXCV. *Chriſt ever preſent with his miniſters and churches.* Matt. xxviii. 20.

1 WIDE o'er all worlds the Saviour reigns;
Unmov'd his pow'r and love remains;
And on his arm his church ſhall reſt.
Fair Zion, joyful in her king,
Thro' ev'ry changing age ſhall ſing,
With his perpetual preſence bleſt.

2 Tyrannic death, in vain thy rage,
Thy triumphs new in ev'ry age,
O'er the firſt heroes of his hoſt;
Conſcious of more than mortal aid,
Our bleeding hearts are not diſmay'd,
But an immortal leader boaſt.

3 Tho' buried deep in duſt they lie,
Whoſe tuneful voices rais'd on high
Led the ſweet anthems to his name;
The children learn the father's ſong,
And unform'd tongues ſhall ſtill prolong
The ever-preſent Saviour's fame.

4 The preſent Saviour, he ſhall give
Millions of future ſaints to live,
And crowd the temples of his grace:

The

The preſent Saviour, lo, he comes
To call whole legions from their tombs,
And teach their duſt ſublimer praiſe.

CXCVI. *Departed ſaints aſleep.* Mark v. 39.

1 "WHY flow theſe torrents of diſtreſs?"
(The gentle Saviour cries)
"Why are my ſleeping ſaints ſurvey'd
"With unbelieving eyes?

2 "Death's feeble arm ſhall never boaſt,
"A friend of Chriſt is ſlain;
"Nor o'er their meaner part in duſt
"A laſting pow'r retain.

3 "I come, on wings of love I come,
"The ſlumb'rers to awake;
"My voice ſhall reach the deepeſt tomb,
"And all its bonds ſhall break.

4 "Touch'd by my hand in ſmiles they riſe,
"They riſe to ſleep no more;
"But rob'd with light, and crown'd with joy,
"To endleſs day they ſoar,"

5 Jeſus, our faith receives thy word;
And, tho' fond nature weep,
Grace learns to hail the pious dead,
And emulate their ſleep.

6 Our willing ſouls thy ſummons wait
With them to reſt and praiſe;
So let thy much lov'd preſence chear
Theſe ſeparating days.

CXCVII.

CXCVII. *The ſtruggle between faith and unbelief.* Mark ix. 24.

1 JESUS, our ſouls delightful choice,
In thee believing we rejoice;
Yet ſtill our joy is mix'd with grief,
While faith contends with unbelief.

2 Thy promiſes our hearts revive,
And keep our fainting hopes alive;
But guilt, and fears, and ſorrows riſe,
And hide the promiſe from our eyes.

3 O let not ſin and Satan boaſt,
While ſaints lie mourning in the duſt;
Nor ſee that faith to ruin brought,
Which thy own gracious hand hath wrought.

4 Do thou the dying ſpark inflame;
Reveal the glories of thy name;
And put all anxious doubts to flight,
As ſhades diſpers'd by op'ning light.

CXCVIII. *Chriſt's condeſcending regard to little children.* Mark x. 14.

1 SEE Iſrael's gentle ſhepherd ſtand
With all-engaging charms;
Hark how he calls the tender lambs,
And folds them in his arms!

2 "Permit them to approach, (he cries)
"Nor ſcorn their humble name;
"For 'twas to bleſs ſuch ſouls as theſe,
"The Lord of angels came."

We bring them, Lord, in thankful hands,
And yield them up to thee:
Joyful, that we ourſelves are thine,
Thine let our offspring be.

Ye little flock, with pleaſure hear;
Ye children, ſeek his face;
And fly with tranſports to receive
The bleſſings of his grace.

If orphans they are left behind,
Thy guardian-care we truſt:
That care ſhall heal our bleeding hearts,
If weeping o'er their duſt.

XCIX. *Chriſtian watchfulneſs.* Mark xiii. 37.

AWAKE, my drowſy ſoul, awake,
And view the threat'ning ſcene:
Legions of foes encamp around,
And treach'ry lurks within.

'Tis not this mortal life alone
Theſe enemies aſſail;
All thine eternal hopes are loſt
If their attempts prevail.

Now to the work of God awake;
Behold thy maſter near;
The various arduous taſk purſue
With vigour and with fear.

The awful regiſter goes on,
Th' account will ſurely come,
And op'ning day, or cloſing night
May bear me to my doom.

5 Ter-

5 Tremendous thought! how deep it ſtrikes!
Yet like a dream it flies,
Till God's own voice the ſlumbers chaſe
From theſe deluded eyes.

CC. *The nativity of Chriſt.* Luke ii. 10 12

1 HAIL, progeny * divine!
Hail, virgin's wond'rous ſon!
Who, for that humble ſhrine,
Didſt quit th' Almighty's throne:
The infant-Lord
Our voices ſing,
And be the king
Of grace ador'd.

2 Ye princes, diſappear,
And boaſt your crowns no more;
Lay down your ſcepters here,
And in the duſt adore:
Where Jeſus dwells,
The manger bare
In luſtre far
Your pomp excels.

3 With Bethlem's ſhepherds mild
The angels bow their head;
And round the ſacred child
Their guardian wings they ſpread;
They knew, that where
Their ſov'reign lies,
In low diſguiſe,
Heav'n's court is there.

* Offspring.

4 Thith

Thither, my ſoul, repair,
And earthly homage pay
To thy redeemer fair,
As on his natal * day:
I kiſs thy feet;
And, Lord, would be
A child like thee,
Whom thus I greet.

* Birth-day.

CCI. *The angels ſong at Chriſt's birth.* Luke ii. 13, 14.

1 HIGH let us ſwell our tuneful notes,
And join th' angelic throng;
For angels no ſuch love have known
T' awake a chearful ſong.

2 Good-will to ſinful men is ſhewn,
And peace on earth is giv'n;
For lo, th' incarnate Saviour comes
With meſſages from heav'n.

3 Juſtice and grace with ſweet accord
His riſing beams adorn;
Let heav'n and earth in conſort join,
Now ſuch a child is born.

4 Glory to God in higheſt ſtrains
In higheſt worlds be paid;
His glory by our lips proclaim'd,
And by our lives diſplay'd.

5 When ſhall we reach thoſe bliſsful realms,
Where Chriſt exalted reigns,

And

And learn of the celeſtial choir
Their own immortal ſtrains?

CCII. Simeon's *ſong and declaration to the virgin* Mary. Luke ii. 30—35.

1 OUR eyes ſalvation ſee,
Prepar'd by grace divine:
How wide its ſplendours are diffus'd!
How bright its glories ſhine!

2 Thro' diſtant heathen lands
It darts a vivid * ray,
And to the realms, where Satan reign'd
Imparts celeſtial day.

3 The Iſrael of the Lord
In Chriſt their glory boaſt,
And on the honours of his name
Their whole ſalvation truſt.

4 By him ſhall millions riſe
To an immortal crown,
And millions, that his grace deſpiſe,
Shall ſink in ruin down.

5 Our reck'ning is begun,
And on th' account will go,
Till clos'd in everlaſting joy,
Or never-ending woe.

* Live.

CCIII. *Chriſt's meſſage.* Luke iv. 18, 19.

1 HARK the glad ſound! the Saviour comes!
The Saviour promis'd long!

Let

Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne,
And ev'ry voice a ſong.

2 On him the ſpirit largely pour'd,
Exerts its ſacred fire;
Wiſdom and might, and zeal and love,
His holy breaſt inſpire.

3 He comes the pris'ners to releaſe,
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of braſs before him burſt,
The iron fetters yield.

4 He comes from thickeſt films of vice
To clear the mental ray,
And on the eye-balls of the blind
To pour celeſtial day.

5 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding ſoul to cure,
And with the treaſures of his grace
T' enrich the humble poor.

6 His ſilver trumpets publiſh loud
The Jub'lee of the Lord *;
Our debts are all remitted now,
Our heritage reſtor'd.

7 Our glad Hoſannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome ſhall proclaim;
And heav'ns eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

* The acceptable year of the Lord, *i. e.* the year of Jubilee, Levit. xxv.

CCIV. *The recovered* Dæmoniac, *an emblem of a converted ſinner.* Luke viii. 35.

1 JESUS, we own thy ſaving pow'r,
And thy victorious hand;
Hell's legions tremble at thy feet,
And fly at thy command.

2 O'er ſouls, by paſſions uproar fill'd
With anarchy * unknown,
The nobler pow'rs reſtor'd by thee,
Aſcend their peaceful throne.

3 No more they rend their cloathing off;
No more their wounds repeat;
But gentle and compos'd they wait
Attentive at thy feet.

4 O'er thouſands more, where Satan rules,
May we ſuch triumphs ſee;
And be their reſcu'd ſouls and ours
Devoted, Lord, to thee.

* Confuſion and diſorder.

CCV. *The good* Samaritan. Luke x. 30—

1 FATHER of mercies, ſend thy grace
All-pow'rful from above,
To form in our obedient ſouls
The image of thy love.

2 O may our ſympathizing breaſts
That gen'rous pleaſure know,

Kin

Kindly to ſhare in others joy,
And weep for others woe!

3 When the moſt helpleſs ſons of grief
In low diſtreſs are laid,
Soft be our hearts their pains to feel,
And ſwift our hands to aid.

4 So Jeſus look'd on dying men,
When thron'd above the ſkies,
And 'midſt th' embraces of his God,
He felt compaſſion riſe.

5 On wings of love the Saviour flew
To raiſe us from the ground,
And made the richeſt of his blood
A balm for ev'ry wound.

CCVI. *The care of the ſoul the one thing needful.* Luke x. 42.

1 WHY will ye laviſh out your years
Amidſt a thouſand trifling cares?
While in this various range of thought
The one thing needful is forgot?

2 Why will ye chaſe the fleeting wind,
And famiſh an immortal mind;
While angels with regret look down
To ſee you ſpurn a heav'nly crown?

3 Th' eternal God calls from above,
And Jeſus pleads his bleeding love;
Awaken'd conſcience gives you pain;
And ſhall they join their pleas in vain?

4 Not ſo your dying eyes ſhall view
Thoſe objects, which you now purſue;
Not ſo ſhall heav'n and hell appear,
When the deciſive hour is near.

5 Almighty God, thy pow'r impart
To fix convictions on the heart;
Thy pow'r unveils the blindeſt eyes,
And makes the haughtieſt ſcorner wiſe.

CCVII. Mary's *choice of the better part.* Luke x. 42.

1 BESET with ſnares on ev'ry hand,
In life's uncertain path I ſtand:
Saviour divine, diffuſe thy light
To guide my doubtful footſteps right.

2 Engage this roving treach'rous heart
To fix on Mary's better part;
To ſcorn the trifles of a day
For joys that none can take away.

3 Then let the wildeſt ſtorms ariſe;
Let tempeſts mingle earth and ſkies;
No fatal ſhipwreck ſhall I fear,
But all my treaſures with me bear.

4 If thou, my Jeſus, ſtill be nigh,
Chearful I live, and joyful die:
Secure, when mortal comforts flee,
To find ten thouſand worlds in thee.

CCVIII. *Chriſt's little flock comforted with the views of a kingdom.* Luke xii. 32.

1 YE little flock, whom Jeſus feeds,
Diſmiſs your anxious cares;
Look to the ſhepherd of your ſouls,
And ſmile away your fears.

2 Tho' wolves and lions prowl around,
His ſtaff is your defence:
'Midſt ſands and rocks your ſhepherd's voice
Calls ſtreams and paſtures thence.

3 Your father will a kingdom give,
And give it with delight;
His feebleſt child his love ſhall call
To triumph in his ſight.

4 Ten thouſand praiſes, Lord, we bring
For ſure ſupports like theſe:
And o'er the pious dead we ſing
Thy living promiſes.

5 For all we hope, and they enjoy,
We bleſs a Saviour's name;
Nor ſhall that ſtroke diſturb the ſong,
Which breaks this mortal frame.

CCIX. *Providing bags that wax not old,* &c. Luke xii. 33.

1 THESE mortal joys, how ſoon they fade!
How ſwift they paſs away!
The dying flow'r reclines its head,
The beauty of a day!

2 The bags are rent, the treaſures loſt
We fondly call'd our own:
Scarce could we the poſſeſſion boaſt,
And ſtrait we found it gone.

3 But there are joys that cannot die,
Which God laid up in ſtore;
Treaſure beyond the changing ſky,
Brighter than golden ore.

4 To that my riſing heart aſpires,
Secure to find its reſt,
And glories in ſuch wide deſires
Of all their wiſh poſſeſs'd.

5 The ſeeds, which piety and love
Have ſcatter'd here below,
In the fair fertile fields above
To ample harveſts grow.

6 The mite my willing hands can give
At Jeſus' feet I lay;
Grace ſhall the humble gift receive,
And heav'n at large repay.

CCX. *The active chriſtian.* Luke xii. 35—38.

1 YE ſervants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait,
Obſervant of his heav'nly word,
And watchful at his gate.

2 Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins, as in his ſight,
For awful is his name.

3 Watch,

3 Watch, 'tis your Lord's command;
And while we ſpeak, He's near:
Mark the firſt ſignal of his hand,
And ready all appear.

4 O happy ſervant he
In ſuch a poſture found!
He ſhall his Lord with rapture ſee,
And be with honour crown'd.

5 Chriſt ſhall the banquet ſpread
With his own royal hand,
And raiſe that fav'rite ſervant's head
Amidſt the angelic band.

CCXI. *Room at the goſpel-feaſt.* Luke xiv. 22.

1 THE king of heav'n his table ſpreads,
And dainties crown the board;
Not paradiſe with all its joys
Could ſuch delight afford.

2 Pardon and peace to dying men,
And endleſs life are giv'n,
And the rich blood, that Jeſus ſhed
To raiſe the ſoul to heav'n.

3 Ye hungry poor, that long have ſtray'd
In ſin's dark mazes, come:
Come from the hedges and highways,
And grace ſhall find you room.

4 Millions of ſouls in glory now
Were fed and feaſted here;
And millions more, ſtill on the way,
Around the board appear.

5 Yet

5 Yet is his houſe and heart ſo large,
That millions more may come;
Nor could the wide aſſembling world
O'er-fill the ſpacious room.

6 All things are ready; come away,
Nor weak excuſes frame;
Crowd to your places at the feaſt,
And bleſs the founder's name.

CCXII. *The preſent and future ſtate of a ſaint and ſinner compared.* Luke xvi. 25.

1 IN what confuſion earth appears!
God's deareſt children bath'd in tears
While they, who heav'n itſelf deride,
Riot in luxury and pride.

2 But patient let my ſoul attend,
And, ere I cenſure, view the end:
That end, how diff'rent, who can tell?
The wide extremes of heav'n and hell.

3 See the red flames around him twine,
Who did in gold and purple ſhine!
Nor can his tongue one drop obtain
T' allay the ſcorching of his pain.

4 While round the ſaint, ſo poor below,
Full rivers of ſalvation flow;
On Abram's breaſt he leans his head,
And banquets on celeſtial bread.

5 Jeſus, my Saviour, let me ſhare
The meaneſt of thy ſervant's fare;

May I at laſt approach to taſte
The bleſſings of thy marriage-feaſt.

CCXIII. *Rebels againſt Chriſt executed.* Luke xix. 27.

1 HE comes; the royal conqu'ror comes;
His legions fill the ſky;
Angelic trumpets rend the tombs,
And loud proclaim him nigh.

2 Ye rebel hoſts, how vain your rage
Againſt this ſov'reign Lord?
What madneſs bears you on t' engage
The terrors of his ſword?

3 "Bring forth (he cries) thoſe ſons of pride,
"That ſcorn'd my gentle ſway,
"To prove the arm they once defy'd
"Omnipotent to ſlay."

4 Tremendous ſcene of wrath divine;
How wide the vengeance ſpreads!
His pointed darts of lightning ſhine
Round their defenceleſs heads.

5 Now let the rebels ſeek that face,
From which they cannot flee!
And thou, my ſoul, adore the grace,
That ſweetly conquer'd thee.

CCXIV. *The Redeemer's tears wept over loſt ſouls.* Luke xix. 41, 42.

1 WHAT venerable ſight appears?
The ſon of God diſſolv'd in tears!

Trace

Trace, O my ſoul, with ſad ſurprize,
The ſorrows of a Saviour's eyes.

2 From whom, bleſt Jeſus, we would know,
Doth ſuch a ſacred torrent flow?
What brother, or what friend of thine,
Is grac'd and mourn'd with drops divine?

3 Nor brother there, nor friend I ſee,
But ſons of pride and cruelty;
Who like rapacious tygers ſtood
Inſatiate panting for thy blood.

4 Dear Lord, and did thy guſhing eyes
Thus ſtream o'er dying enemies?
And can thy tenderneſs forget
The ſinner humbled at thy feet?

5 With deep remorſe our bowels move,
That we have wrong'd ſuch matchleſs love
Thy gentle pity, Lord, diſplay,
And ſmile theſe trembling fears away.

6 Give us to ſhine before thy face,
Eternal trophies of thy grace;
Where ſongs of praiſe thy ſaints employ,
And mingle with a Saviour's joy.

CCXV. *Departed ſaints living to God.* Luke xx. 38.

1 THrice happy ſtate, where ſaints ſhall live
Around their father's throne,
In ev'ry joy, that heav'n can give,
And live to God alone!

2 Un

2 Unnumber'd bands of kindred minds,
That dwelt in feeble clay,
Us and our woes have left behind
To reign in endleſs day.

3 Immortal vigour now they breathe,
And all the air is peace;
They chide our tears, that mourn the death,
Which brought their ſouls releaſe.

4 Thus ſhall the grace of Chriſt prevail,
Till all his choſen meet;
And not the meaneſt ſervant fail
His houſehold to complete.

5 To that bleſt goal * with ardent haſte
Our active ſouls would tend;
Nor feel their ſorrows, as they paſs'd
To ſuch a bliſsful end.

* The end of a race, where the prize was hung.

CXXVI. *Chriſt's admonition to, and care of* Peter *under approaching trials.* Luke xxii. 31, 32.

HOW keen the tempter's malice is!
How artful, and how great!
Tho' not one grain ſhall be deſtroy'd,
Yet will he ſift the wheat.

2 But God can all his pow'r controul,
And gather in his chain;
And, where he ſeems to triumph moſt,
The captive ſoul regain.

3 There

3 There is a ſhepherd kind and ſtrong,
Still watchful for his ſheep;
Nor ſhall th' infernal lion rend,
Whom he vouchſafes to keep.

4 Bleſt Jeſus, intercede for us,
That we may fall no more;
O raiſe us, when we proſtrate lie,
And comfort loſt reſtore.

5 Thy ſecret energy impart,
That faith may never fail;
But 'midſt whole ſhow'rs of fiery darts,
That temper'd ſhield prevail.

6 Secur'd ourſelves by grace divine,
We'll guard our brethren too:
And, taught their frailty by our own,
Our care of them renew.

CCXVII. *Chriſt's prayer for his enemies.* Luke xxiii. 34.

1 ALOUD I ſing the wond'rous grace,
Chriſt to his murd'rers bare;
Which made the tott'ring croſs its throne,
And hung its trophies there.

2 Father, forgive, his mercy cried
With his expiring Breath,
And drew eternal bleſſings down
On thoſe, who wrought his death.

3 Then may I hope for pardon too,
Tho' I have pierc'd the Lord;

Bleſt

Bleſt Jeſus, in my favour ſpeak
That all-prevailing word.

I knew not what my madneſs did,
While I remain'd thy foe:
Soon as I ſaw the wounds were thine,
My tears began to flow.

Melted by goodneſs ſo divine,
I would its footſteps trace;
And, while beneath thy croſs I ſtand,
My fierceſt foes embrace.

CXVIII. *The reſurrection of Chriſt.* Luke xxiv. 34.

YES, the Redeemer roſe,
The Saviour left the dead;
And o'er our helliſh foes
High rais'd his conqu'ring head;
In wild diſmay
The guards around
Fell to the ground,
And ſunk away.

Lo, the angelic bands
In full aſſembly meet,
To wait his high commands,
And worſhip at his feet:
Joyful they come,
And wing their way
From realms of day
To ſuch a tomb.

Then back to heav'n they fly,
And the glad tiding bear;

Hark! as they ſoar on high,
What muſic fills the air!
Their anthems ſay,
" Jeſus who bled
" Hath left the dead;
" He roſe to-day."

4 Ye mortals, catch the ſound,
Redeem'd by him from hell;
And ſend the echo round
The globe on which you dwell:
Tranſported cry,
" Jeſus who bled
" Hath left the dead;
" No more to die."

5 All-hail, triumphant Lord,
Who ſav'ſt us with thy blood!
Wide be thy name ador'd,
Thou riſing, reigning God!
With thee we riſe,
With thee we reign,
And empires gain
Beyond the ſkies.

CCXIX. *The goſpel firſt preached at* Jeruſalem. Luke xxiv. 47.

1 " GO (ſaith the Lord) proclaim my grace
" To all the ſons of Adam's race,
" Pardon for ev'ry crimſon ſin,
" And at Jeruſalem begin.

2 " There, where my blood, not fully dry,
" Stands warm upon mount calvary;

2 " That

"That blood ſhall purge away their guilt,
"By whom ſo lately it was ſpilt.

3 "Now let the daring rebels turn,
"And o'er their bleeding ſov'reign mourn;
"Their bleeding ſov'reign ſhall forgive,
"And bid the rebels look and live."

4 Is this thy voice, all-gracious Lord?
And did the rebels hear thy word?
And did they fall beneath thy feet,
And on their knees forgiveneſs meet?

5 Then may I hope for mercy too;
Such love can my hard heart ſubdue,
And give this guilty ſoul a place,
Among theſe captives of thy grace.

6 Here be it daily mine employ
To bathe thy wounds with tears of joy
Till midſt the new Jeruſalem
In one full choir we ſing thy name.

CCXX. *God's love to the world in ſending Chriſt for its redemption.* John iii. 16.

1 SING to the Lord a new melodious ſong:
Aſſiſt the choir, ye tribes of ev'ry tongue:
Wide as the world his ſov'reign mercy reigns;
Wide as the world reſound his rapt'rous ſtrains.
Ye angels, join the joyful acclamation,
And ſing the love that brings to men ſalvation.

2 His gracious eye beheld in full ſurvey
Where Adam's race in mingled ruin lay:
No human aid the danger could avert:
No angel's hand could ſoothe the raging ſmart:

In his own breaſt divine compaſſion riſes,
And the grand ſcheme the court of heaven ſurpriſes.

3 God's only ſon with peerleſs * glories bright,
His father's faireſt image and delight,
Juſtice and grace the victim have decreed,
To wear our fleſh, and in that fleſh to bleed.
Proſtrate in duſt, ye ſinners, all adore him,
And tremble, while your hearts rejoice before him.

4 The wond'rous work is done; the cov'nant ſtood,
And Jeſus expiates human guilt with blood;
Nail'd to the tree he bows his ſacred head;
A mangled corpſe he ſojourns with the dead;
Riſing, the goſpel ſends thro' ev'ry nation;
Sinners believe, and gain complete ſalvation.

5 Father of grace, accept our humble praiſe;
O let it run thro' everlaſting days! [God,
And thou, bleſt Saviour, ſpotleſs lamb of
Accept the ſouls dear-ranſom'd with thy blood;
And to thoſe ſongs, form all our feeble voices;
In which the choir round thy bright throne rejoices.

* Unequalled.

CCXXI. *The ſpirit's influences compared to living water.* John iv. 10.

1 BLEST Jeſus, ſource of grace divine,
What ſoul-refreſhing ſtreams are thine!
O bring

O bring these healing waters nigh,
Or we must droop, and fall, and die.

2 No traveller thro' desert lands,
'Midst scorching suns, and burning sands,
More eager longs for cooling rain,
Or pants the current to obtain.

3 Our longing souls aloud would sing,
Spring up, celestial fountain, spring;
To a redundant river flow,
And chear this thirsty land below.

4 May this blest torrent near my side
Thro' all the desert gently glide;
Then in Emanuel's land above
Spread to a sea of joy and love.

CCXXII. *The Christian's sacred feast.* John. iv. 32.

1 WE praise the Lord, for heav'nly bread,
With which immortal souls are fed:
We praise thee for that heav'nly feast,
Which Jesus with delight could taste.

2 He, while he sojourn'd here below,
Had meat, which strangers could not know:
That meat he to his people gives,
And he that tastes the banquet lives.

3 So let me live, sustain'd by grace,
Regal'd with fruits of righteousness:
Enter my heart, all-gracious Lord,
And sup with me, and deck thy board.

4 Devotion, faith, and zealous love,
And hope, that bears the ſoul above,
Be theſe my dainties, till I riſe,
And taſte the joys of paradiſe.

CCXXIII. *The paralytic at* Betheſda. John v. 6.

1 BEHOLD the great phyſician ſtands,
Whoſe ſkill is ever ſure;
And loud he calls to dying men,
And free he offers cure.

2 And will ye hear his gracious voice,
While ſore-diſeas'd ye lie?
Or will ye all his grace deſpiſe,
And trifle till ye die?

3 Bleſt Jeſus, ſpeak the healing word,
And inward vigour give;
Then, rais'd by energy divine,
Shall helpleſs mortals live.

4 With cheerful pace our trembling feet
In thy bleſt paths ſhall run,
Till Zion's healthful hill they gain,
Where no complaint is known.

CCXXIV. *God's purpoſes effectual, and Chriſt's invitation ſincere.* John vi. 37.

1 IS there a ſight in earth or heaven
Can ſuch delight impart,
As Jeſus' wide-extended arms
And ſoftly-melting heart?

2 "All

2 "All that my heav'nly father gives
"Shall come (the Saviour cries)
"And ev'ry weakeſt ſoul, that comes,
"Find favour in mine eyes.

3 "I'll not reject him with diſdain,
"Nor hurl him down to hell;
"But, folded in my kind embrace,
"He ſafe and bleſt ſhall dwell."

4 Hearken, ye dying ſinners all;
All haſten, while ye hear;
For crouds of wretched ſouls at once
May find their refuge there,

5 I hear thy voice and I obey;
Low at thy feet I fall;
Nor ſhall the tempter's voice prevail
Againſt the Saviour's call.

CCXXV. *Chriſt's invitation to thirſty ſouls.* John vii. 37.

1 THE Lord of life exalted ſtands,
Aloud he cries, and ſpreads his hands;
He calls ten thouſand ſinners round,
And ſends a voice from ev'ry wound.

2 "Attend, ye thirſty ſouls, draw near,
"And ſatiate all your wiſhes here:
"Behold the living fountain flows
"In ſtreams as various as your woes.

3 "An ample pardon here I give,
"And bid the ſentenc'd rebel live,

"Shew

" Shew him my father's ſmiling face,
" And lodge him in his dear embrace.

4 " I purge from ſin's deteſted ſtain,
" And make the crimſon white again,
" Lead to celeſtial joys refin'd,
" And laſting as the deathleſs mind.

5 " Muſt I anew my pity prove?
" Witneſs the words of melting love,
" The guſhing tear, the lab'ring breath,
" And all theſe ſcars of bleeding death."

6 Bleſt Saviour, I can doubt no more;
I hear, and wonder, and adore:
Panting I ſeek that fountain-head,
Whence waters ſo divine proceed.

7 Clear ſpring of life, flow on, and roll
With growing ſwell from pole to pole,
Till flowers and fruits of paradiſe
Round all the winding current riſe.

8 Still near thy ſtream may I be found,
Long as I tread this earthly ground;
Chear with thy wave death's gloomy ſhade;
Then thro' the fields of Canaan ſpread.

CCXXVI. *True liberty given by Chriſt.* John viii. 36.

1 HARK! for 'tis God's own ſon that calls
To life and liberty;
Tranſported fall before his feet,
Who makes the priſ'ners free.

2 The

2 The curſed bonds of ſin he breaks,
And breaks old Satan's chain:
Smiling he deals thoſe pardons round,
Which free from endleſs pain.

3 Into the captive heart he pours
His ſpirit from on high;
We loſe the terrors of the ſlave,
And abba, father, cry.

4 Shake off your Bonds, and ſing his grace;
The ſinner's friend proclaim;
And call on all around to ſeek
True freedom by his name.

5 Walk on at large, till you attain
Your father's houſe above!
There ſhall you wear immortal crowns,
And ſing redeeming love.

CCXXVII. *The ſame.* John viii. 36.

1 AND ſhall we ſtill be ſlaves,
And in our fetters lie,
When ſummon'd by a voice divine
T' aſſert our liberty.

2 Did the great Saviour bleed
Our freedom to obtain,
That we ſhould trample on his blood,
And glory in our chain?

3 Alas, the ſordid mind!
How all its pow'rs are broke!
Proud of a tyrant's haughty ſway,
And practis'd to the yoke!

4 Divine

4 Divine redeemer, hear,
Thy ſov'reign pow'r impart,
And let thy gen'rous ſpirit wake
True ardour in our heart.

5 Then ſhall the ſons of death,
That in the dungeon lie,
Spring to the throne of pard'ning grace,
And Abba, Father, cry,

CCXXVIII. *Chriſt the door.* John x. 9.

1 AWAKE, our ſouls, and bleſs his name,
Whoſe mercies never fail;
Who opens wide a door of hope
In Achor's gloomy vale *.

2 Behold the portal wide diſplay'd,
The buildings ſtrong and fair;
Within are paſtures freſh and green,
And living ſtreams are there.

3 Enter, my ſoul, with chearful haſte,
For Jeſus is the door;
Nor fear the ſerpent's wily arts,
Nor fear the lion's roar.

4 O may thy grace the nations lead,
And Jews and Gentiles come,
All trav'ling thro' one beauteous gate
To one eternal home.

* Hoſea ii. 15.

CCXXIX. *Abundant life by Chriſt our ſhepherd.* John x. 10.

1 PRAISE to our ſhepherd's gracious name,
Who on ſo kind an errand came;
Came, that by him his flock might live,
And more abundant life receive

2 Hail, great Emanuel from above,
High ſeated on thy throne of love!
O pour the vital torrent down,
Thy people's joy, their Lord's renown.

3 Scarce half alive we ſigh and cry;
Scarce raiſe to thee our languid eye!
Kind Saviour, let our dying ſtate
Compaſſion in thy heart create.

4 The ſhepherd's blood the ſheep muſt heal;
O may we all its influence feel;
Till inward deep experience ſhew,
Chriſt can begin a heav'n below.

CCXXX. *Chriſt's ſheep deſcribed.* John x. 27.

1 THY flock, with what a tender care,
Bleſt Jeſus, doſt thou keep?
Fain would my weak, my wand'ring ſoul
Be number'd with thy ſheep.

2 Gentle and tractable and plain
My heart would ever be,
Averſe to harm, propenſe to help,
And faithful ſtill to thee.

3 The

3 The gentle accents of thy voice
My liſt'ning ſoul would hear;
And, by the ſignals of thy will,
I all my courſe would ſteer.

4 I follow where my ſhepherd leads,
And mark the path he drew;
My ſhepherd's feet mount Zion treads,
And I ſhall reach it too.

CCXXXI. *The happineſs and ſecurity of Chriſt's ſheep.* John xx. 28.

1 MY ſoul, with joy attend,
While Jeſus ſilence breaks;
No angel's harp ſuch muſic yields,
As what my ſhepherd ſpeaks,

2 "I know my ſheep (he cries)
"My ſoul approves them well:
"Vain is the treach'rous world's diſguiſe,
"And vain the rage of hell.

3 I freely feed them now
"With tokens of my love,
"But richer paſtures I prepare,
"And ſweeter ſtreams above.

4 Unnumber'd years of bliſs
"I to my ſheep will give;
"And, while my throne unſhaken ſtands,
"Shall all my choſen live.

5 "This tried almighty hand
"Is rais'd for their defence;

"When

"Where is the pow'r shall reach them there?
"Or what shall force them thence?"

6 Enough, my gracious Lord,
Let faith triumphant cry;
My heart can on this promise live,
Can on this promise die.

CCXXXII. *Christ's sheep given by the father, and guarded by omnipotence.* John x. 29, 30.

1 IN one harmonious chearful song,
Ye happy saints combine;
Loud let it sound from ev'ry tongue,
The Saviour is divine.

2 The least, the feebleſt of the sheep
To him the father gave;
Kind is his heart the charge to keep,
And strong his arm to save.

3 In Christ th' Almighty father dwells,
And Christ and he are one;
The rebel pow'r which Christ assails,
Attacks the eternal throne.

4 That hand, which heav'n and earth sustains,
And bars the gates of hell,
And rivets Satan down in chains,
Shall guard his chosen well.

5 Now let th' infernal lion roar,
How vain his threats appear!
When he can match Jehovah's pow'r,
I will begin to fear.

CCXXXIII. *The attractive influence of a crucified Saviour.* John xii. 32.

1 BEHOLD th' amazing ſight,
The Saviour lifted high!
Behold the ſon of God's delight
Expire in agony!

2 For whom, for whom, my heart,
Were all theſe ſorrows borne?
Why did he feel that piercing ſmart,
And meet that various ſcorn?

3 For love of us he bled,
And all in torture died;
'Twas love that bow'd his fainting head,
And op'd his guſhing ſide.

4 I ſee, and I adore
In ſympathy of love?
I feel the ſtrong attractive pow'r
To lift my ſoul above.

5 Drawn by ſuch cords as theſe,
Let all the earth combine
With chearful ardour to confeſs
The energy divine.

6 In thee our hearts unite,
Nor ſhare thy griefs alone,
But from thy croſs purſue their flight
To thy triumphant throne.

CCXXXIV. *Chriſt's myſterious conduct to be unfolded hereafter.* John xiii. 7.

1 JESUS, we own thy ſov'reign hand,
Thy faithful care we own;

Wiſdom and love are all thy ways,
When moſt to us unknown.

2 By thee the ſprings of life were form'd,
And by thy breath are broke,
And good is ev'ry awful word
Our gracious Lord hath ſpoke.

3 To thee we yield our comforts up,
To thee our lives reſign;
In ſtraits and dangers rich and ſafe,
If we and ours are thine.

4 Thy ſaints in earlier life remov'd,
In ſweeter accents ſing;
And bleſs the ſwiftneſs of their flight,
That bore them to their king.

5 The burdens of a lengthen'd day
With patience we would bear;
Till ev'ning's welcome hour ſhall ſhew
We were our maſter's care.

CCXXXV. *Chriſt's pity and conſolation for his troubled diſciples.* John xiv. 1—3.

1 PEACE, all ye ſorrows of the heart,
And all my tears be dry:
That Chriſtian ne'er can be forlorn,
That views his Jeſus nigh.

2 "Let not your boſoms throb, (he ſays)
"Nor be your ſouls afraid!
"Truſt in your God's almighty name,
"And truſt your Saviour's aid.

3 "Fair manſions in my father's houſe
"For all his children wait;
"And I, your elder brother, go
"To open wide the gate.

4 "And if I thither go before,
"A dwelling to prepare,
"I ſurely ſhall return again,
"That I may fix you there.

5 "United in eternal love,
"My choſen ſhall remain,
"And with rejoicing hearts ſhall ſhare
"The honours of my reign."

6 Yes, Lord; thy gracious words we hear,
And cordial joys they bring:
Frail nature may extort a groan,
But faith ſhall learn to ſing.

CCXXXVI. *The Chriſtian's life connected with that of Chriſt.* John xiv. 19.

1 THE cov'nant of a Saviour's love
Shall ſtand for ever good,
And thus his life ſhall guard the ſouls
He purchas'd with his blood.

2 "I live for ever, (ſaith the Lord)
"And you ſhall therefore live;
"Receive with pleaſure ev'ry pledge
"My pow'r and love can give."

3 We own the promiſe, prince of grace;
Tho' earthly helpers die;

And

And animate our fainting hearts,
While Chriſt our friend is nigh.

4 The king of fears can do no more
Than ſtop our mortal breath;
But Jeſus gives a nobler life,
That cannot yield to death.

CCXXXVII. *Abiding in Chriſt neceſſary to our Fruitfulneſs.* John xv. 4.

1 LORD of the vineyard we adore,
That pow'r and grace divine,
Which plants our wild, our barren ſouls
In Chriſt the living vine.

2 For ever may they there abide,
And, from that vital root,
Be influence ſpread thro' ev'ry branch,
To form and feed the fruit.

3 Shine forth, my God, the cluſters warm
With rays of ſacred love;
Till Eden's ſoil, and Zion's ſtreams
The gen'rous plant improve.

CCXXXVIII. *Our prayers effectual when we abide in Chriſt, and his word abideth in us.* John xv. 8.

1 HAIL, gracious Saviour, all divine!
Myſterious, ever-living vine!
To thee united may we live,
And nouriſh'd by thine Influence thrive.

2 Still may our ſouls in thee abide,
Torn by no tempeſts from thy ſide;
Nor from its place within our heart
Thy promiſe, or thy law depart.

3 Then ſhall our pray'rs accepted riſe,
Thro' thee a grateful ſacrifice;
And all our ſighs before thy throne
Deſcend in ample bleſſings down.

4 In ſilent hope our ſouls ſhall wait,
Their penſion from thy mercy's gate;
Nor can our lips our hearts expreſs
A wiſh proportion'd to thy grace.

CCXXXIX. *Continuing in Chriſt's love.* John xv. 9.

1 TO all his flock, what wond'rous love
Doth our kind ſhepherd bear?
As he to his great father's heart,
So we to his are dear.

2 So ſure, ſo conſtant, and ſo ſtrong
Do his endearments prove:
O may their energy prevail
To fix us in his love.

3 No more let my divided heart
From this bleſt centre turn:
But, fir'd by ſuch all-potent rays,
With flames immortal burn.

4 Deſcend, and all thy pow'r diſplay,
And all thy love reveal;

That

That the warm ſtreams of Jeſus' blood
This frozen heart may feel.

CCXL. *The apoſtles and chriſtians choſen by Chriſt to bring forth permanent fruit.* John xv. 16.

1 I OWN, my God, thy ſov'reign grace,
And bring the praiſe to thee;
If thou my choſen portion art,
Thou firſt haſt choſen me.

2 My gracious counſellor and guide
Will hear me when I pray;
Nor, while I urge a Saviour's name,
Will frown my ſoul away.

3 Bleſt Jeſus, animate my heart
With beams of heav'nly love,
And teach that cold unthankful ſoil
The heav'nly ſeed t' improve.

4 In copious ſhow'rs thy ſpirit ſend
To water all the ground;
So to the honour of thy name
Shall laſting fruit be found.

CCXLI. *Peace in Chriſt amidſt tribulations.* John xvi. 33.

1 HEnceforth let each believing heart
From anxious ſorrows ceaſe:
Tho' ſtorms of trouble rage around,
In Jeſus we have peace.

2 His

2 His blood from wrath to come redeems,
And his almighty grace,
By bitt'reſt draughts of deep diſtreſs,
Its healing pow'r diſplays.

3 Jeſus, our captain, march'd before
To lead us to the fight;
And now he reacheth out the crown
With heav'nly glories bright.

4 Lord 'tis enough; thy voice we hear;
That crown by faith we ſee:
No ſorrows ſhall o'erwhelm our ſouls,
Since none divide from thee.

CCXLII. *Chriſt ſanctifying himſelf, that his people may be ſanctified.* John xvii. 19.

1 BEHOLD the bleeding lamb of God,
Our ſpotleſs ſacrifice!
By hands of barb'rous ſinners ſeiz'd,
Nail'd to the croſs he dies.

2 Bleſt Jeſus, whence this ſtreaming blood?
And whence this foul diſgrace?
Whence all theſe pointed thorns, that rend
Thy venerable face?

3 "I ſanctify myſelf (he cries)
"That thou may'ſt holy be;
"Come, trace my life; come, view my death,
"And learn to copy me."

4 Dear Lord, we pant for holineſs,
And inbred ſin we mourn:

To

To the bright path of thy commands
Our wand'ring footſteps turn.

5 Not more ſincerely would we wiſh
To climb the heav'nly hill,
Than here with all our utmoſt pow'r
Thy model to fulfil.

CCXLIII. *Meditations on the ſepulchre in the garden.* John xix. 41.

1 THE ſepulchres, how thick they ſtand
Thro' all the road on either hand!
And burſt upon the ſtarting ſight
In ev'ry garden of delight!

2 Thither the winding alleys tend;
There all the flow'ry borders end;
And forms, that charm'd the eyes before;
Fragrance and muſic are no more.

3 Deep in that damp and ſilent cell
My fathers, and my brethren dwell;
Beneath its broad and gloomy ſhade
My kindred, and my friends are laid:

4 But, while I tread the ſolemn way,
My faith that Saviour would ſurvey,
Who deign'd to ſojourn in the tomb,
And left behind a rich perfume.

5 My thoughts with ecſtaſy unknown,
While from his grave they view his throne,
Thro' my own ſepulchre can ſee
A paradiſe reſerv'd for me.

CCXLIV.

CCXLIV. *Chriſt aſcending to his father and God, and ours.* John xx. 17.

1 IN raptures let our hearts aſcend
Our heav'nly ſeats to view,
And grateful trace that ſhining path
Our riſing Saviour drew.

2 "Up to my father, and my God,
"I go; (the conqu'ror cries)
"Up to your father, and your God,
"My brethren, lift your eyes."

3 And doth the Lord of glory call
Such worms his brethren dear?
And doth he point to heav'n's high throne,
And ſhew our father there?

4 And doth he teach my ſinful lips
That tuneful ſound, my God?
And breathe his ſpirit on my heart
To ſhed his grace abroad?

5 O world, produce a good like this,
And thou ſhalt have my love;
Till then, my father claims it all,
And Chriſt, who dwells above.

6 Dear Jeſus, call this willing ſoul,
That ſtruggles with its clay;
And fain would leave this weary load
To wing its airy way.

CCXLV. *The disciples joy at Christ's appearance to them after his resurrection.* John xx. 19, 20.

1 COME, our indulgent Saviour, come,
Illustrious conqu'ror o'er the tomb:
Here thine assembled servants bless,
And fill our hearts with sacred peace.

2 O come thyself, most gracious Lord,
With all the joy thy smiles afford;
Reveal the lustre of thy face,
And make us feel thy vital grace.

3 With rapture kneeling round we greet
Thy pierced hands, thy wounded feet;
And from the scar, that marks thy side,
We see our life's warm torrent glide.

4 Enter our hearts, redeemer blest;
Enter, thou ever-honour'd guest,
Not for one transient hour alone,
But there to fix thy lasting throne.

5 Own this mean dwelling as thy home;
And, when our life's last hour is come,
Let us but die, as in thy sight,
And death shall vanish in delight.

CCXLVI. *Appeal to Christ for the sincerity of love to him.* John xxi. 15.

1 DO not I love thee, O my Lord?
Behold my heart and ee;

And turn each curſed idol out,
That dares to rival thee.

2 Do not I love thee from my ſoul?
Then let me nothing love?
Dead be my heart to ev'ry joy,
When Jeſus cannot move.

3 Is not thy name melodious ſtill
To mine attentive ear?
Doth not each pulſe with pleaſure bound
My Saviour's voice to hear?

4 Haſt thou a lamb in all thy flock,
I would diſdain to feed?
Haſt thou a foe, before whoſe face
I fear thy cauſe to plead?

5 Would not mine ardent ſpirit vie *
With angels round the throne,
To execute thy ſacred will,
And make thy glory known?

6 Would not my heart pour forth its blood
In honour of thy name?
And challenge the cold hand of death
To damp th' immortal flame.

7 Thou know'ſt I love thee, deareſt Lord;
But O! I long to ſoar
Far from the ſphere of mortal joys,
And learn to love thee more.

* Endeavour to equal.

CCXLVII. *Zeal for the cauſe of Chriſt; or* Peter *and* John *following their Maſter.* John xxi. 18—20 *.

1 BLEST men, who ſtretch their willing hands,
Submiſſive to their Lord's commands,
And yield their liberty and breath
To him, that lov'd their ſouls in death!

2 Lead me to ſuffer, and to die,
If thou, my gracious Lord, art nigh:
One ſmile from thee my heart ſhall fire,
And teach me ſmiling to expire.

3 If nature at the trial ſhake,
And from the croſs or flames draw back,
Grace can its feeble courage raiſe,
And turn its tremblings into praiſe.

4 While ſcarce I dare, with Peter ſay,
"I'll boldly tread the bleeding way;"
Yet in thy ſteps, like John, I'd move
With humble hope, and ſilent love.

* See *Family Expoſitor* in Loc.

CCXLVIII. *Chriſt exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour.* Acts v. 31.

1 EXALTED prince of life, we own
The royal honours of thy throne:
'Tis fix'd by God's almighty hand,
And Seraph's bow at thy command.

2 Exalted Saviour, we confeſs
The ſov'reign triumphs of thy grace;
Where beams of gentle radiance ſhine,
And temper majeſty divine.

3 Wide thy reſiſtleſs ſceptre ſway,
Till all thine enemies obey:
Wide may thy croſs its virtue prove,
And conquer millions by its love.

4 Mighty to vanquiſh, and forgive!
Thine Iſrael ſhall repent and live;
And loud proclaim thy healing breath,
Which works their life, who wrought thy death.

CCXLIX. *The believer committing his departing ſpirit to Jeſus.* Acts vii. 59.

1 O Thou, that haſt redemption wrought,
Patron of ſouls, thy blood hath bought,
To thee our ſpirits we commit,
Mighty to reſcue from the pit.

2 Millions of bliſsful ſouls above,
In realms of purity and love,
With ſongs of endleſs praiſe proclaim
The honours of thy faithful name.

3 When all the pow'rs of nature fail'd;
Thy ever-conſtant care prevail'd;
Courage and joy thy friendſhip ſpoke,
When ev'ry mortal bond was broke.

4 We on that friendſhip, Lord, repoſe,
The healing balm of all our woes;

And we, when ſinking in the grave,
Truſt thine Omnipotence to ſave.

5 O may our ſpirits by thy hand
Be gather'd to that happy band,
Who 'midſt the bleſſings of thy reign,
Loſe all remembrance of their pain.

6 In raptures there divinely ſweet
Give us our kindred-ſouls to meet,
And wait with them that brighter day,
Which all thy triumph ſhall diſplay.

CCL. Peter's *admonition to* Simon Magus. Acts viii. 21—24.

1 SEARCHER of hearts, before thy face
I all my ſoul diſplay;
And, conſcious of its innate * arts,
Intreat thy ſtrict ſurvey.

2 If lurking in its inmoſt folds,
I any ſin conceal,
O let a ray of light divine
The ſecret guile reveal.

3 If tinctur'd with that odious gall
Unknowing I remain,
Let grace, like a pure ſilver ſtream,
Waſh out th' accurſed ſtain.

4 If in theſe fatal fetters bound
A wretched ſlave I lie,
Smite off my chains, and wake my ſoul
To light and liberty.

* Natural.

5 To humble penitence and pray'r
Be gentle pity giv'n;
Speak ample pardon to my heart,
And ſeal its claim to heav'n.

CCLI. *The deſcent of the ſpirit;* or *his influences deſired.* Acts x. 44.

1 GREAT father of each perfect gift,
Behold thy ſervants wait;
With longing eyes and lifted hands,
We flock around thy gate.

2 O ſhed abroad that royal gift,
Thy ſpirit from above,
To bleſs our eyes with ſacred light,
And fire our hearts with love.

3 With ſpeedy flight may he deſcend,
And ſolid comfort bring,
And o'er our languid ſouls extend
His all-reviving wing.

4 Bleſt earneſt of eternal joy,
Declare our ſins forgiv'n;
And bear with energy divine
Our raptur'd thoughts to heav'n.

5 Diffuſe, O God, thoſe copious ſhow'rs,
That earth its fruit may yield,
And change this barren wilderneſs
To Carmel's flow'ry field *.

* *Iſaiah* xxxv. 1, 2.

CCLII.

CCLII. *The word of ſalvation ſent to us.* Acts xiii. 26.

1 AND why do our admiring eyes
These goſpel-glories ſee?
And whence, doth ev'ry heart reply,
Salvation ſent to me?

2 In fatal ſhades of midnight gloom
Ten thouſand wretches ſtray;
And ſatan blinds ten thouſand more
Amidſt the blaze of day.

3 Millions of raging ſouls beneath,
In endleſs anguiſh hear
Harmonious ſounds of grace transform'd,
To echoes of deſpair.

4 And doſt thou, Lord, ſubdue my heart,
And ſhew my ſins forgiv'n,
And bear thy witneſs to my part
Amongſt the heirs of heav'n?

5 As the redeemed of the Lord,
We ſing the Saviour's name;
And, while the long ſalvation laſts,
Its ſov'reign grace proclaim.

CCLIII. *The unknown God.* Acts xvii. 23.

THOU, mighty Lord, art God alone,
A king of majeſty unknown;
And all thy dazzling glories riſe
Beyond the reach of angels eyes.

2 Yet thro' this earth thy works proclaim
Some notice of thy rev'rend name;
And, where thy gracious gospel shines,
We read it in the fairest lines.

3 But O! how few of Adam's race
Have learn'd thy nature and thy ways!
While thousands, e'en in lands of light,
Are buried in Egyptian night.

4 They tread thy courts, thy word they hear,
And to thy solemn rights draw near;
Yet, tho' salvation seems so nigh,
Because they know not God, they die.

5 Send thy victorious gospel forth,
Wide from these regions of the north;
And thro' thy churches grace impart
To write thy name on ev'ry heart.

CCLIV. *God's command to all men to repent.* Acts xvii. 30.

1 REPENT, the voice celestial cries,
No longer dare delay:
The wretch that scorns the mandate* dies,
And meets a fiery day.

2 No more the sov'reign eye of God
O'erlooks the crimes of men;
His heralds are dispatch'd abroad
To warn the world of sin.

3 The summons reach thro' all the earth;
Let earth attend and fear:

* Command.

Listen,

Liſten, ye men of royal birth,
And let their vaſſals * hear.

4 Together in his preſence bow,
And all your guilt confeſs;
Accept the offer'd Saviour now,
Nor triſle with the grace.

5 Bow, ere the awful trumpet ſound,
And call you to his bar:
For mercy knows th' appointed bound,
And turns to vengeance there.

6 Amazing love, that yet will call,
And yet prolong our days!
Our hearts ſubdu'd by goodneſs fall,
And weep, and love, and praiſe.

* Subjects and ſlaves.

CCLV. *Paul's ſolicitude to finiſh his courſe with joy.* Acts xx. 24.

1 ASSIST us, Lord, thy name to praiſe
For this rich goſpel of thy grace;
And, that our hearts may love it more,
Teach them to feel its vital pow'r.

2 With joy may we our courſe purſue,
And keep the crown of life in view;
That crown, which in one hour repays
The labour of ten thouſand days.

3 Should bonds or death obſtruct our way,
Unmov'd their terrors we'll ſurvey;
And the laſt hour improve for thee,
The laſt of life, or liberty.

4 Wel-

4 Welcome thoſe bonds, which may unite
Our ſouls to their ſupreme delight!
Welcome that death, whoſe painful ſtrife
Bears us to Chriſt our better life!

CCLVI. *Paul preaching and Felix trembling.* Acts xxiv. 25.

1 GREAT ſov'reign of the human heart,
Thy mighty energy impart
Which darts at once thro' breaſts of ſteel,
And makes the nether millſtone * feel

2 Let ſinners tremble at thy word,
Struck by the terrors of the Lord;
And, while they tremble, let them flee,
And ſeek their help, their life from thee.

3 O let them ſeize the preſent day,
Nor riſk ſalvation by delay;
To-morrow, Lord, to thee belongs;
This night may vindicate thy wrongs.

4 This night may ſtop their fleeting breath,
And ſeal them to eternal death,
May veil redemption from their ſight,
And give them flames inſtead of light.

5 Or ſhould ſucceeding years remain,
Years, with their ſabbaths, all in vain
Before their darken'd eyes may roll,
And more obdurate leave the ſoul.

6 Great Saviour, let thy pity riſe,
And make the wretched triflers wiſe;

* The hardeſt hearts. Job xli. 24.

Leſt

Leſt pangs and tremblings felt in vain,
Haſten and feed immortal pain.

CCLVII. *Help obtained of God.* Acts xxvi. 22.
For New Year's-Day.

1 GREAT God, we ſing that mighty hand
By which ſupported ſtill we ſtand:
The op'ning year thy mercy ſhows;
That mercy crowns it, till it cloſe.

2 By day, by night, at home, abroad,
Still are we guarded by our God;
By his inceſſant bounty fed,
By his unerring counſel led.

3 With grateful hearts the paſt we own;
The future, all to us unknown,
We to thy guardian care commit,
And peaceful leave before thy feet.

4 In ſcenes exalted or depreſs'd,
Thou art our joy, and thou our reſt:
Thy goodneſs all our hopes ſhall raiſe,
Ador'd thro' all our changing days.

5 When death ſhall interrupt theſe ſongs,
And ſeal in ſilence mortal tongues,
Our helper-God, in whom we truſt,
In better worlds our ſouls ſhall boaſt.

CCLVIII. *Treaſuring up wrath by deſpiſing mercy.* Romans ii. 4, 5.

1 UNgrateful ſinners, whence this ſcorn
Of long-extended grace?

And

And whence this madneſs, that inſults
Th' Almighty to his face?

2 Is it becauſe his patience waits,
And pitying bowels move,
You multiply audacious crimes,
And ſpurn his richeſt love?

3 Is all the treaſur'd wrath ſo ſmall,
You labour ſtill for more,
Tho' not eternal rolling years
Can e'er exhauſt the ſtore?

4 Swift doth the day of vengeance come,
That muſt your ſentence ſeal;
And righteous judgment now unknown
In all its pomp reveal.

5 Alarm'd and melted at thy voice,
Our conquer'd hearts would bow;
And, to eſcape the thund'rer then,
Embrace the Saviour now.

CCLIX. *The love of God ſhed abroad in the heart by the ſpirit.* Rom. v. 5.

1 DESCEND, immortal dove;
Spread thy kind wings abroad,
And, wrapt in flames of holy love,
Bear my ſoul to God.

2 Jeſus my Lord reveal
In charms of grace divine,
And be thyſelf the ſacred ſeal,
That pearl of price is mine.

3 Behold

3 Behold my heart expands
To catch the heav'nly fire;
It longs to feel the gentle bands,
And groans with ſtrong deſire.

4 Thy love, my God, appears,
And brings ſalvation down,
My cordial thro' this vale of tears,
In paradiſe my crown.

CCLX. *Chriſtians quickened and raiſed by the Spirit.* Rom. viii. 11.

1 WHY ſhould our mourning thoughts
To grovel in the duſt? [delight
Or why ſhould ſtreams of tears unite
Around th' expiring juſt?

2 Did not the Lord our Saviour die,
And triumph o'er the grave?
Did not our Lord aſcend on high,
And prove his pow'r to ſave?

3 Doth not the ſacred ſpirit come,
And dwell in all the ſaints?
And ſhould the temples of his grace
Reſound with long complaints?

4 Awake, my ſoul, and like the ſun
Burſt thro' each ſable cloud;
And thou, my voice, tho' broke with ſighs,
Tune forth thy ſongs aloud.

5 The ſpirit rais'd my Saviour up,
When he had bled for me;

And

And ſpite of death and hell ſhall raiſe
Thy pious friends and thee.

6 Awake, ye ſaints, that dwell in duſt,
Your hymns of vict'ry ſing;
And let his dying ſervants truſt
Their ever-living king.

CCLXI. *God's readineſs to give all things argued from the gift of his ſon.* Rom. viii. 32.

1 NOW let my ſoul with tranſport riſe,
And range thro' earth, and mount the ſkies
And view each various form of good,
Where angels hold their high abode.

2 I give my thoughts unbounded ſcope;
On equal pinions ſoars my hope;
My faith at nobleſt objects aims,
And what ſhe ſees, ſhe humbly claims.

3 Hath not the bounteous king of heav'n
From his embrace already giv'n
That ſon of his eternal love,
Who fill'd the brighteſt throne above?

4 Behold his hand on Jeſus laid!
Behold that lamb a victim made!
And what ſhall mercy hold too good
For ſinners, ranſom'd with his blood?

5 My ſoul, with heav'nly faith embrace
The ſacred cov'nant of his grace;
Then in delightful ſilence wait
The iſſues of a love ſo great.

CCLXII.

CCLXII. *Believing with the heart, and confeſſing with the mouth, neceſſary to ſalvation.* Rom. x. 6—10.

1 AND is ſalvation brought ſo near,
Where ſinful men expiring lie?
Triumph, my ſoul, the ſound to hear,
And ſhout it joyous to the ſky.

2 I aſk not, who to heav'n ſhall ſcale,
That Chriſt the Saviour thence may come;
Or who earth's inmoſt depths aſſail,
To bring him from the dreary tomb.

3 From heav'n on wings of love he flew,
And conqu'ror from the tomb he ſprung:
My heart believes the witneſs true,
And dictates to my faithful tongue.

4 I ſing ſalvation brought ſo near,
No more on earth expiring lie;
I teach the world my joys to hear,
And ſhout them to the echoing ſky.

CCLXIII. *The living ſacrifice.* Rom. xii. 1.

1 AND will th' eternal king
So mean a gift reward?
That off'ring, Lord, with joy we bring,
Which thy own hand prepar'd.

2 We own thy various claim,
And to thine altar move,
The willing victims of thy grace,
And bound with cords of love.

3 Deſcend celeſtial fire,
The ſacrifice inflame;
So ſhall a grateful odour riſe
Thro' our redeemer's name.

CCLXIV. *The near approach of ſalvation, an engagement to diligence and love.* Rom. xiii. 11.

1 AWAKE, ye ſaints, and raiſe your eyes,
And raiſe your voices high;
Awake, and praiſe that ſov'reign love,
That ſhews ſalvation nigh.

2 On all the wings of time it flies,
Each moment brings it near;
Then welcome each declining day!
Welcome each cloſing year!

3 Not many years their rounds ſhall run,
Nor many mornings riſe,
Ere all its glories ſtand reveal'd
To our admiring eyes.

4 Ye wheels of nature, ſpeed your courſe
Ye mortal pow'rs, decay;
Faſt as ye bring the night of death,
Ye bring eternal day.

CCLXV. *The God of peace bruiſing Satan* Rom. xvi. 20.

1 YE armies of the living God,
In his all-conqu'ring name,

Lif

Lift up your banners, and aloud
Your leader's grace proclaim.

2 What tho' the prince of hell invade
With ſhow'rs of fiery darts,
And join to the fierce lion's roar,
The ſerpent's wily arts?

3 Jeſus who leads his hoſts to war,
Shall tread the monſter down,
And ev'ry faithful ſoldier ſhare
The triumph and the crown.

4 So Iſrael on the haughty necks
Of Canaan's tyrants trod,
And ſung their Joſhua's conqu'ring ſword,
And ſung their faithful God *.

* Joſhua x. 24.

CCLXVI. *Chriſt our wiſdom, righteouſneſs, ſanctification, and redemption.* 1 Corinth. i. 30, 31.

MY God, aſſiſt me, while I raiſe
An anthem of harmonious praiſe;
My heart thy wonders ſhall proclaim,
And ſpread its banners in thy name.

2 In Chriſt I view a ſtore divine:
My father, all that ſtore is thine;
By thee prepar'd, by thee beſtow'd;
Hail to the Saviour, and the God!

3 When gloomy ſhades my ſoul o'erſpread,
"Let there be light," th' Almighty ſaid;

And Chriſt, my ſun, his beams diſplays,
And ſcatters round celeſtial rays.

4 Condemn'd thy criminal I ſtood,
And awful juſtice aſk'd my blood;
That welcome Saviour from thy throne
Brought righteouſneſs and pardon down.

5 My ſoul was all o'erſpread with ſin,
And lo, his grace hath made me clean:
He reſcues from th' infernal foe,
And full redemption will beſtow.

6 Ye ſaints, aſſiſt my grateful tongue:
Ye angels, warble back my ſong:
For love like this demands the praiſe
Of heav'nly harps, and endleſs days.

CCLXVII. *Being joined to Chriſt, and one Spirit with him.* 1 Cor. vi. 17.

1 MY Saviour, I am thine,
By everlaſting bands;
My name, my heart, I would reſign,
My ſoul is in thy hands.

2 To thee I ſtill would cleave
With ever-growing zeal;
Let millions tempt me Chriſt to leave,
They never ſhall prevail.

3 His ſpirit ſhall unite
My ſoul to him, my head;
Shall form me to his image bright,
And teach his path to tread.

4 Death

Death may my ſoul divide
From this abode of clay;
But love ſhall keep me near his ſide
Thro' all the gloomy way.

Since Chriſt and we are one,
What ſhould remain to fear?
If he in heav'n hath fix'd his throne,
He'll fix his members there.

CCLXVIII. *The tranſitory nature of the world, an argument for chriſtian moderation.* 1 Cor. vii. 29—31.

SPRING up, my ſoul, with ardent flight,
Nor let this earth delude my ſight
With glitt'ring trifles gay and vain:
Wiſdom divine directs thy view
To objects ever grand and new,
And faith diſplays the ſhining train.

Be dead, my hopes, to all below;
Nor let unbounded torrents flow,
When mourning o'er my wither'd joys:
So this deceitful world is known;
Poſſeſs'd I call it not my own;
Nor glory in its painted toys.

The empty pageant rolls along;
The giddy unexperienc'd throng
Purſue it with enchanted eyes;

It paſſeth in ſwift March away,
Still more and more its charms decay,
Till the laſt gaudy colour dies *.

4 My God, to thee my ſoul ſhall turn;
For thee my nobleſt paſſions burn,
And drink in bliſs from thee alone:
I fix on that unchanging home,
Where never-fading pleaſures bloom,
Freſh ſpringing round thy radiant throne.

* Pageants, images, or emblematical figures in a cavalcade or proceſſion, continually moving, and quickly gone out of ſight. See family expoſitor in Loc.

CCLXIX. *God's fidelity in moderating temptations.* 1 Cor. x. 13.

1 NOW let the feeble all be ſtrong,
And make Jehovah's arm their ſong:
His ſhield is ſpread o'er ev'ry ſaint,
And thus ſupported, who ſhall faint?

2 What tho' the hoſts of hell engage
With mingled cruelty and rage?
A faithful God reſtrains their hands,
And chains them down in iron bands.

3 Bound by his word he will diſplay,
A ſtrength proportion'd to our day;
And, when united trials meet,
Will ſhew a path of ſafe retreat.

4 Thus far we prove that promiſe good,
Which Jeſus ratified with blood:

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Still is he gracious, wiſe, and juſt,
And ſtill in him let Iſrael truſt.

CCLXX. *Bearing the image of the earthy and the heavenly Adam.* 1 Cor. xv. 49.

1 WITH flowing eyes and bleeding hearts
A blaſted world ſurvey!
See the wide ruin ſin hath wrought
In one unhappy day!

2 Adam, in God's own image form'd,
From God and bliſs eſtrang'd,
And all the joys of paradiſe
For guilt and horror chang'd!

3 Ages of labour and of grief
He mourn'd his glory loſt;
At length the goodlieſt work of heav'n
Sunk down to common duſt.

4 O fatal heritage bequeath'd
To all his helpleſs race!
Thro' the thick maze of ſin and woe
Thus to the grave we paſs.

5 But, O my ſoul, with rapture hear
The ſecond Adam's name;
And the celeſtial gifts he brings,
To all his ſeed, proclaim.

6 In holineſs and joy complete
He reigns to endleſs years,
And each adopted choſen child
His ſplendid image wears.

7 What

7 What tho' in mortal life they mourn?
What tho' by death they fall?
Jeſus in one triumphant day
Transforms and crowns them all.

8 Praiſe to his rich myſterious grace!
E'en by our fall we riſe;
And gain, for earthly Eden loſt,
A heav'nly paradiſe.

CCLXXI. *Miniſters comforted, that they may comfort others.* 2 Cor. i. 4.

1 FOUNTAIN of comfort and of love,
Thy ſtreams, how free they flow!
Firſt water all the world above,
Then viſit us below!

2 From Chriſt, the head, what grace deſcends
To cheriſh ev'ry part!
He ſhares his joys with all his friends,
For all have ſhar'd his heart.

3 What tho' the ſorrows here they feel
Are manifold and great?
He brings new conſolations ſtill,
As various and as ſweet.

4 He ſhews our num'rous ſins forgiv'n,
And ſhews our cov'nant God;
He witneſſeth our right to heav'n,
The purchaſe of his blood.

5 Tho' earth and hell againſt us join,
In him we are ſecure;

Our

Our diadems ſhall brighter ſhine
For all we now endure.

6 On ev'ry faithful ſhepherd's breaſt,
Lord, ſend theſe comforts down;
That they may lead their flock to reſt,
Which their own ſouls have known.

CCLXXII. *God's delivering goodneſs acknowledged, and truſted.* 2 Cor. 1. 10.

A ſong for the 5th of November.

1 PRAISE to the Lord, whoſe mighty hand
So oft reveal'd hath ſav'd our land;
And, when united nations roſe,
Hath ſham'd and ſcourg'd our haughtieſt foes.

2 When mighty navies from afar
To Britain wafted floating war,
His breath diſpers'd them all with eaſe,
And ſunk their terrors in the ſeas *.

3 While for our princes they prepare
In caverns deep a burning ſnare;
He ſhot from heav'n a piercing ray,
And the dark treach'ry brought to day †.

4 Princes and prieſts again combine
New chains to forge, new ſnares to twine;
Again our gracious God appears,
And breaks their chains, and cuts their ſnares.

* Referring to the defeat of the Spaniſh Armada, 1588.
† Gunpowder plot.

5 Obedient

5 Obedient winds at his command
Convey his Hero to our land;
The ſons of Rome with terror view,
And ſpeed their flight, when none purſue*.

6 Such great deliv'rance God hath wrought,
And down to us ſalvation brought;
And ſtill the care of guardian-heav'n
Secures the bliſs itſelf hath giv'n.

7 In thee we truſt, Almighty Lord,
Continu'd reſcue to afford:
Still be thy pow'rful arm made bare,
For all thy ſervants hopes are there.

* Revolution by King William, 1688.

CCLXXIII. *Miniſters a ſweet ſavour, whether of life or death.* 2 Cor. ii, 15, 16.

1 PRAISE to the Lord on high,
Who ſpreads his triumph wide!
While Jeſus' fragrant name
Is breath'd on ev'ry ſide:
Balmy and rich
The odours riſe,
And fill the earth
And reach the ſkies.

2 Ten thouſand dying ſouls
Its influence feel and live;
Sweeter than vital air
The incenſe they receive:
They breathe anew,
And riſe and ſing
Jeſus the Lord,
Their conqu'ring king.

3 But

3 But ſinners ſcorn the grace,
That brings ſalvation nigh;
They turn their face away,
And faint, and fall, and die.
So ſad a doom,
Ye ſaints, deplore.
For O! they fall
To riſe no more.

4 Yet, wiſe and mighty God,
Shall all thy ſervants be,
In thoſe, who live or die,
A ſavour ſweet to thee:
Supremely bright
Thy grace ſhall ſhine,
Guarded with flames
Of wrath divine

CCLXXIV. *God ſhining into the heart.* 2 Cor. iv. 6.

1 PRAISE to the Lord of boundleſs might,
With uncreated glories bright!
His preſence gilds the worlds above;
Th' unchanging ſource of light and love.

2 Our riſing earth his eye beheld,
When in ſubſtantial darkneſs veil'd;
The ſhapeleſs Chaos nature's womb,
Lay buried in eternal gloom *.

3 Let there be light, Jehovah ſaid,
And light o'er all its face was ſpread;

* Geneſis, i, 2, 3.

Nature,

Nature, array'd in charms unknown,
Gay with its new-born luſtre ſhone.

4 He ſees the mind, when loſt it lies
In ſhades of ignorance and vice;
And darts from heav'n a vivid * ray,
And changes midnight into day.

5 Shine, mighty God, with vigour ſhine
On this benighted heart of mine;
And let thy glories ſtand reveal'd,
As in the Saviour's face beheld.

6 My ſoul, reviv'd by heav'n-born day,
Thy radiant image ſhall diſplay,
While all my faculties unite
To praiſe the Lord, who gives me light.

* Lively, ſprightly.

CCLXXV. *The goſpel treaſure in earthen veſſels.* 2 Cor. iv. 7.

1 HOW rich thy bounty, king of kings!
Thy favours how divine!
The bleſſings which thy goſpel brings,
How ſplendidly they ſhine!

2 Gold is but droſs, and gems but toys,
Should gold and gems compare;
How mean, when ſet againſt thoſe joys,
Thy pooreſt ſervants ſhare!

3 Yet all theſe treaſures of thy grace
Are lodg'd in urns † of clay;

† Veſſels or jars.

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And the weak ſons of mortal race,
Th' immortal gifts convey.

4 Feebly they liſp thy glories forth;
Yet grace the vict'ry gives:
Quickly they moulder back to earth;
Yet ſtill thy goſpel lives.

5 Such wonders pow'r divine effects;
Such trophies * God can raiſe;
His hand from crumbling duſt erects
Long monuments of praiſe.

* Monuments or tokens of victory.

CCLXXVI. *Living to him, who died for us.* 2 Cor. v. 14, 15.

1 MY Lord, didſt thou endure ſuch ſmart
My life, when forfeited, to ſave?
And didſt thou bear upon thy heart
My name, when riſing from the grave?

2 Am I in thy remembrance ſtill,
'Midſt all the glories of thy throne?
To form thy ſervant to thy will,
And fix my dwelling near thy own?

3 What can a feeble worm repay
For love ſo infinite as thine?
The torrent bears my ſoul away,
Th' impetuous ſtream of grace divine †.

† Referring to the emphaſis of the original word, *viz.* bears us away like a ſtrong torrent.

4 To thee, my Lord, it bears me on;
Self ſhall be deify'd * no more;
By ſelf betray'd, by ſelf undone,
I live by thy recov'ring pow'r.

5 Accept a ſoul ſo dearly bought;
Bought by thy life upon the tree;
A ſoul which, by thy ſpirit taught,
Knows no delight, but ſerving thee.

* Made a God of.

CCLXXVII. *God the author of conſolation.* 2 Cor. vii. 6.

1 THE Lord, how rich his comforts are!
How wide they ſpread! How high they riſe!
He pours in balm to bleeding hearts,
And wipes the tears from flowing eyes.

2 I have no hope, my ſpirit cry'd,
Juſt trembling on the brink of hell;
I am thy hope, the Lord reply'd,
My love ſecures its fav'rites well.

3 My grateful ſoul ſhall ſpeak its praiſe,
Who turns its tremblings into ſongs;
And thoſe that mourn ſhall learn from me
Salvation to our God belongs.

CCLXXVIII. Satan's *ſtrong-holds caſt down by the goſpel.* 2 Cor. x. 4, 5.

1 SHOUT, for the battlements are fall'n,
Which heav'n itſelf defy'd!

Th

Th' aſpiring tow'rs, diſmantled * all,
Now ſpread their ruins wide!

2 Thy wond'rous trumpets, prince of peace,
Sent forth their mighty ſound;
The ſtrength of Jericho was ſtruck,
And totter'd to the ground †.

3 No more proud reas'nings ſhall diſpute
What truth divine declares;
No more ſelf-righteouſneſs to plead
Its own perfections dares.

4 No ſtrength our ruin'd pow'rs can boaſt
Thy precepts to fulfil;
No liberty we aſk or wiſh
For our rebellious will.

5 The gates we open to admit
The Saviour's gentle ſway:
Bleſt Jeſus, 'tis thy right to reign,
Our pleaſure to obey.

6 Each thought in ſweet ſubjection held,
Thy ſov'reign pow'r ſhall own;
And ev'ry traitor ſhall be ſlain,
That dares diſpute the throne.

* Demoliſhed, broke down. † *Joſhua* vi. 20.

CCLXXIX. *The Chriſtian farewell.* 2 Cor. xiii. 11.

1 THY preſence, everlaſting God,
Wide o'er all nature ſpreads abroad;
Thy watchful eyes, which cannot ſleep,
In ev'ry place thy children keep.

2 While near each other we remain,
Thou doſt our lives and ſouls ſuſtain;
When abſent, happy if we ſhare
Thy ſmiles, thy counſels, and thy care.

3 To thee we all our ways commit,
And ſeek our comforts near thy feet;
Still on our ſouls vouchſafe to ſhine,
And guard and guide us ſtill as thine.

4 Give us in thy beloved houſe
Again to pay our grateful vows;
Or, if that joy no more be known,
Give us to meet around thy throne.

CCLXXX. *Living while in the fleſh by faith in Chriſt, who loved us*, &c. Galat. ii. 20.

1 MY Jeſus, while in mortal fleſh
I hold my frail abode,
Still would my ſpirit reſt on thee,
Its Saviour, and its God.

2 By hourly faith in thee I live
'Midſt all my griefs and ſnares;
And death, encounter'd in thy ſight,
No form of horror wears.

3 Yes, thou haſt lov'd this ſinful worm,
Haſt giv'n thyſelf for me;
Haſt brought me from eternal death,
Nail'd to the bloody tree.

4 On thy dear croſs I fix mine eyes,
Then raiſe them to thy ſeat;
Till love diſſolves my inmoſt ſoul,
At its Redeemer's feet.

5 Be

5 Be dead, my heart, to worldly charms;
Be dead to ev'ry ſin;
And tell the boldeſt foes without,
That Jeſus reigns within.

6 My life with his connected ſtands,
Nor aſks a ſurer ground;
He keeps me in his gracious arms,
Where heav'n itſelf is found.

CCLXXXI. *A filial temper, the work of the ſpirit, and a proof of adoption.* Gal. iv. 6.

1 SOV'REIGN of all the worlds on high,
Allow my humble claim;
Nor, while a word would raiſe its head,
Diſdain a father's name.

2 My Father God! how ſweet the ſound!
How tender and how dear!
Not all the melody of heav'n
Could ſo delight the ear.

3 Come, ſacred ſpirit, ſeal the name
On mine expanding heart;
And ſhew, that in Jehovah's grace
I ſhare a filial part.

4 Chear'd by a ſignal ſo divine,
Unwav'ring I believe;
Thou know'ſt I Abba, Father, cry,
Nor can the ſign deceive.

5 On wings of everlaſting love
The comforter is come;

All terrors at his voice disperse,
And endless-pleasures bloom.

CCLXXXII. *Christian sympathy.* Gal. vi. 2.

1 HAIL, everlasting prince of peace!
Hail, governor divine!
How gracious is thy sceptre's sway?
What gentle laws are thine?

2 His tender heart with love o'erflow'd,
Love spoke in ev'ry breath;
Vig'rous it reign'd thro' all this life,
And triumph'd in his death.

3 All these united charms he shews
Our frozen souls to move;
This proof of love to him demands,
That we each other love.

4 O be the sacred law fulfill'd
In ev'ry act and thought;
Each angry passion far remov'd,
Each selfish view forgot.

5 Be thou, my heart, dilated wide
By thy Redeemer's grace:
And, in one grasp of fervent love,
All earth and heav'n embrace.

CCLXXXIII. *Blessing God for spiritual blessings in Christ.* Ephes. i. 3.

1 LOUD be thy name ador'd,
Thy titles spread abroad,

Of Chriſt, our glorious Lord,
The father and the God!
Thro' ſuch a ſon,
Thy churches head,
Thine honours ſpread
O'er worlds unknown.

2 Ten thouſand gifts of love
From thee thro' him deſcend;
And bear our ſouls above
To joys that never end:
To heav'n they ſoar,
Suſtain'd by God,
And thro' the road
His arm adore.

3 Ten thouſand ſongs of praiſe
Shall by the Saviour riſe,
And thro' eternal days
Shall echo round the ſkies.
New ſhouts we'll give,
And loud proclaim
The honour'd name,
By which we live.

CCLXXXIV. *The grand ſcheme of the goſpel.* Eph. i. 9, 10, 11.

1 WE ſing the deep myſterious plan,
Which God deviſ'd ere time began;
At length diſclos'd in all its light.
We bleſs the wond'rous birth of love,
Which beams around us from above,
With grace ſo free, and hope ſo bright.

2 Here

2 Here has the wiſe eternal mind
In Chriſt, their common head, conjoin'd
Gentiles and Jews, and earth and heav'n:
Thro' him, from the great father's throne,
Rivers of bliſs come rolling down,
And endleſs peace and life are giv'n.

3 No more the awful cherubs guard
The tree of life with flaming ſword,
To drive afar man's trembling race;
At Salem's pearly gates they ſtand,
And ſmiling wait (a friendly band!)
To welcome ſtrangers to the place.

4 While we expect that glorious ſight,
Love ſhall our hearts with theirs unite,
And ardent hope our boſoms raiſe:
From earth's dark vale, and tongues of clay,
To theſe reſplendent realms of day,
We'll try to ſend the ſounding praiſe.

CCLXXXV. *The heavenly inheritance made known by the Spirit.* Eph. i. 18.

1 COME, thou celeſtial ſpirit, come,
And call my roving paſſions home;
To mine enlighten'd eyes diſplay
The heritage of heav'nly day.

2 My God, that heritage is thine:
How rich, how glorious, how divine!
How far above all mortal things,
The little pride of courts and kings!

3 Of endleſs joy the unbounded ſtore,
Why is its luſtre known no more?

Away,

Away, ye miſts of envious night,
That veil ſalvation from my ſight!

4 Shine forth, Almighty Saviour, ſhine;
Shew the bright world, and ſhew it mine;
Then paradiſe on earth ſhall ſpring,
And mortal worms like angels ſing.

CCLXXXVI. *Salvation by grace.* Eph. ii. 5.

1 GRACE! 'tis a charming ſound,
Harmonious to my ear;
Heav'n with the echo ſhall reſound,
And all the earth ſhall hear.

2 Grace firſt contriv'd a way
To ſave rebellious man,
And all the ſteps that grace diſplay,
Which drew the wond'rous plan.

3 Grace taught my wand'ring feet
To tread th' heav'nly road,
And new ſupplies each hour I meet,
While preſſing on to God.

4 Grace all the work ſhall crown
Thro' everlaſting days;
It lays in heav'n the topmaſt ſtone,
And well deſerves the praiſe.

CCLXXXVII. *Chriſtians riſen and exalted with Chriſt to heavenly places.* Eph. ii. 5, 6.

1 STUPENDOUS grace! and can it be
Deſign'd for rebels ſuch as we?

O let

O let our ardent praiſes riſe,
High as our hopes beyond the ſkies!

2 This fleſh, by righteous vengeance ſlain,
Might ever in the duſt remain;
Theſe guilty ſpirits ſent to dwell
'Midſt all the flames and fiends * of hell.

3 But lo, incarnate love deſcends;
Down to the ſepulchre it bends;
Riſing, it tears the bars away,
And ſprings to its own native day.

4 Then was our ſepulchre unbar'd;
Then was our path to glory clear'd;
Then if that Saviour be our own,
Did we aſcend a heav'nly throne.

5 A moment ſhall our joy complete,
And fix us in that ſhining ſeat,
Bought by the pangs our Lord endur'd,
And by unchanging truth ſecur'd.

6 O may that love, in ſtrains ſublime,
Be ſung to the laſt hour of time!
And let eternity confeſs,
Thro' all its rounds, the matchleſs grace.

* Evil ſpirits.

CCLXXXVIII. *Nearneſs to God through Chriſt.* Eph. ii. 13.

1 AND are we now brought near to God,
Who once at diſtance ſtood?
And to effect this glorious change,
Did Jeſus ſhed his blood?

2 O for a ſong of ardent praiſe
To bear our ſouls above!
What ſhould allay our lively hope,
Or damp our flaming love!

3 Draw us, O Lord, with quick'ning grace,
And bring us yet more near;
Here may we ſee thy glories ſhine,
And taſte thy mercies here.

4 O may that love, which ſpread thy board,
Diſpoſe us for the feaſt;
May faith behold a ſmiling God
Thro' Jeſus bleeding breaſt.

5 Fir'd with the view, our ſouls ſhall riſe
In ſuch a ſcene as this,
And view the happy moment near,
That ſhall complete our bliſs.

CCLXXXIX. *The inſtitution of a goſpel-miniſtry from Chriſt.* Eph. iv. 11, 12.

For the ordination or ſettlement of a miniſter.

1 FATHER of mercies, in thy houſe
Smile on our homage, and our vows;
While with a grateful heart we ſhare
Theſe pledges of our Saviour's care.

2 The Saviour, when to heav'n he roſe
In ſplendid triumph o'er his foes,
Scatter'd his gifts on men below,
And wide his royal bounties flow.

3 Hence

3 Hence ſprung th' apoſtles honour'd name,
Sacred beyond heroic fame;
Hence dictates the prophetic ſage;
And hence the Evangelic page.

4 In lowlier forms, to bleſs our eyes,
Paſtors from hence, and teachers riſe;
Who, tho' with feebler rays they ſhine,
Still gild a long-extended line.

5 From Chriſt their varied gifts derive,
And fed by Chriſt their graces live:
While, guarded by his potent hand,
'Midſt all the rage of hell they ſtand.

6 So ſhall the bright ſucceſſion run
Thro' the laſt courſes of the ſun;
While unborn churches by their care
Shall riſe and flouriſh large and fair.

7 Jeſus our Lord their hearts ſhall know,
The ſpring, whence all thoſe bleſſings flow:
Paſtors and people ſhout his praiſe
Thro' the long round of endleſs days.

CCXC. *Chriſt the head of the church.* Eph. iv. 15, 16.

1 JESUS, I ſing thy matchleſs grace,
That calls a worm thy own;
Gives me among thy ſaints a place
To make thy glories known.

2 Allied to thee our vital head,
We act, and grow, and thrive:

From

From thee divided, each is dead,
When moſt he ſeems alive.

3 Thy ſaints on earth, and thoſe above
Here join in ſweet accord;
One body all in mutual love,
And thou, our common Lord.

4 O may my faith each hour derive
Thy ſpirit with delight;
While death and hell in vain ſhall ſtrive
This bond to diſunite.

5 Thou the whole body wilt preſent
Before thy father's face;
Nor ſhall a wrinkle or a ſpot
Its beauteous form diſgrace.

CCXCI. *Love to others urged from Chriſt's love, in giving himſelf a ſacrifice.* Eph. v. 2.

1 NOW be that ſacrifice ſurvey'd,
That ranſom which the Saviour paid;
That ſight familiar to my view,
Yet always wond'rous, always new.

2 The lamb of God, that groan'd and bled,
And gently bow'd his dying head;
While love to ſinners fir'd his heart,
And conquer'd all the killing ſmart.

3 Bleſt Jeſus, while thy grace I ſing,
What grateful tribute ſhall I bring,
That earth and heav'n and thou may'ſt ſee
My love to him, who died for me?

4 That off'ring, Lord, thy word hath taug
Nor be thy new command forgot,
That, if their maſter's death can move,
Thy ſervants ſhould each other love.

5 When to thy ſacred croſs we fly,
There let each ſavage paſſion die;
While the warm ſtreams of blood divine
Melt our cold hearts to love like thine.

CCXCII. *The wiſdom of redeeming time.* Ep
v. 15, 16.

1 GOD of eternity, from thee
Did infant-time his being draw;
Moments and days, and months and year
Revolve by thine unvaried law.

2 Silent and ſlow they glide away;
Steady and ſtrong the current flows,
Loſt in eternity's wild ſea,
The boundleſs gulf, from whence it roſe.

3 With it the thoughtleſs ſons of men
Before the rapid ſtreams are borne
On to that everlaſting home,
Where not one ſoul can e'er return.

4 Yet while the ſhore on either ſide
Preſents a gaudy flatt'ring ſhew,
We gaze in fond amuſement loſt,
Nor think to what a world we go.

5 Great ſource of wiſdom, teach my heart
To know the price of ev'ry hour;

Th

That time may bear me on to joys
Beyond its measure, and its pow'r.

CCXCIII. *Christ's love to the church in giving himself for it*, &c. Eph. v. 25—27.

1 BRidegroom of souls, how rich thy love!
How gen'rous, how divine!
Our inmost hearts it well may move,
While thus our voices join.

2 Deformed and wretched once we lay,
Worthy thy hate and scorn;
Yet love like thine could find a way
To rescue and adorn.

3 Thou art our ransom; from thy veins
A wond'rous fountain flows,
To wash thy bride from all her stains,
And heal our deepest woes.

4 Transform'd by thee, e'en here below
Thy church is bright and fair:
But O! how glorious shall she shew,
When Jesus shall appear!

5 Thine eye shall all her form survey
With infinite delight,
Confess'd in that illustrious day,
Unblemish'd in thy sight.

CCXCIV. *Christ's service, the fruit of our labours on earth.* Phil. i. 22.

1 MY gracious Lord, I own thy right
To ev'ry service I can pay;

And call it my ſupreme delight
To hear thy dictates and obey.

2 What is my being, but for thee,
It ſure ſupport its nobleſt end?
Thy ever-ſmiling face to ſee,
And ſerve the cauſe of ſuch a friend.

3 I would not breathe for worldly joy,
Or to increaſe my worldly good;
Nor future days or pow'rs employ
To ſpread a ſounding name abroad.

4 'Tis to my Saviour I would live;
To him, who for my ranſom died;
Nor could untainted Eden give
Such bliſs, as bloſſoms at his ſide.

5 His work my hoary age ſhall bleſs,
When youthful vigour is no more:
And my laſt hour of life confeſs
His love hath animating pow'r.

CCXCV. *The happineſs of departing, and being with Chriſt.* Phil. i. 23.

1 WHILE on the verge of life I ſtand,
And view the ſcenes on either hand,
My ſpirit ſtruggles with its clay,
And longs to wing its flight away.

2 Where Jeſus dwells my ſoul would be;
It faints my much-lov'd Lord to ſee:
Earth, twine no more about my heart,
For 'tis far better to depart.

3 Come,

3 Come, ye angelic envoys *, come,
And lead the willing pilgrim home:
Ye know the way to Jesus' throne,
Source of my joys, and of our own.

4 That blessed interview, how sweet!
To fall transported at his feet!
Rais'd in his arms to view his face,
Thro' the full beamings of his grace.

5 To see heav'n's shining courtiers round,
Each with immortal glories crown'd!
And, while his form in each I trace,
Belov'd, and loving all t' embrace!

6 As with a Seraph's voice to sing!
To fly as on a Cherub's wing!
Performing with unwearied hands
A present Saviour's high commands!

7 Yet with these prospects full in sight,
I'll wait thy signal for my flight;
For, while thy service I pursue,
I find my heav'n begun below.

* Messengers, embassadors.

CCXCVI. *Pressing on in the christian race.*
Phil. iii. 12—14.

1 AWAKE, my soul, stretch ev'ry nerve,
And press with vigour on:
A heav'nly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

2 A cloud of witneſſes around
Hold thee in full ſurvey:
Forget the ſteps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

3 'Tis God's all-animating voice,
That calls thee from on high;
'Tis his own hand preſents the prize
To thine aſpiring eye.

4 That prize with peerleſs glories bright,
Which ſhall new luſtre boaſt,
When victors wreaths * and monarchs gems
Shall blend in common duſt.

5 Bleſt Saviour, introduc'd by thee,
Have I my race begun;
And crown'd with vict'ry at thy feet
I'll lay my honours down.

* Crowns or garlands given to conquerors.

CCXCVII. *God ſupplying the neceſſities of his people.* Phil. iv. 19, 20.

1 MY God, how chearful is the ſound!
How pleaſant to repeat!
Well may that heart with pleaſure bound,
Where God hath fix'd his ſeat.

2 What want ſhall not our God ſupply
From his redundant ſtores?
What ſtreams of mercy from on high
An arm almighty pours?

3 From Chriſt, the ever-living ſpring,
Theſe ample bleſſings flow:

Prepare

Prepare, my lips, his name to ſing,
Whoſe heart hath lov'd us ſo.

4 Now to our father and our God
Be endleſs glory giv'n,
Thro' all the realms of man's abode,
And thro' the higheſt heav'n.

CCXCVIII. *Thankfulneſs for being made meet for the heavenly inheritance.* Coloſſ. i. 12.

1 ALL-glorious God, what hymns of praiſe
Shall our tranſported voices raiſe?
What flaming love and zeal is due,
While heav'n ſtands open to our view?

2 Once we were fall'n, and O! how low!
Juſt on the brink of endleſs woe;
Doom'd to a heritage in hell,
Where ſinners all in darkneſs dwell.

3 But lo, a ray of chearful light
Scatters the horrid ſhades of night!
Lo, what triumphant grace is ſhewn
To ſouls impov'riſh'd and undone!

4 Far, far beyond theſe mortal ſhores
A bright inheritance is ours;
Where ſaints in light our coming wait,
To ſhare their holy bliſsful ſtate.

5 If ready dreſt for heav'n we ſhine,
Thine are the robes, the crown is thine:
May endleſs years their courſe prolong,
While "Thine the praiſe," is all our ſong.

CCXCIX. *Angels and chriſtians united in Chriſt, as their common head.* Coloſſ. ii. 10.

1 HAIL to Emanuel's ever honour'd name!
Spread it, ye angels, thro' heav'n's ſacred flame.
Ye ſcepter'd cherubim, before his throne,
And flaming Seraphim, bow humbly down.
He is your head; with proſtrate awe adore him,
And lay with joy your radiant crowns before him.

2 Array'd in his refulgent beams ye ſhine,
And draw exiſtence * from his ſource divine;
Grateful ye wait the ſignal of his hand,
Honour'd too highly by his leaſt command:
In him th' indwelling deity admiring;
And to his brighter image ſtill aſpiring.

3 Mortals with you in chearful homage join,
And bring their anthems to Emanuel's ſhrine:
Mean as we are, with ſins and griefs beſet,
We glory, that in him we are complete.
He is our head, and we with you adore him,
And pour our wants, our joys, our hearts before him.

4 We ſing the blood that ranſom'd us from hell;
We ſing the graces, that in Jeſus dwell;
Led by his ſpirit, guarded by his hand,
Our hopes anticipate your goodly land;
Still his incarnate deity admiring,
And with heav'n's hierarchy † in praiſe conſpiring.

* Being, or life.

† The ſeveral orders of angels.

CCC. *Chriſtians, as riſen with Chriſt, exhorted to ſeek things above.* Coloſſ. iii. 1.

1 HEARKEN, ye children of your God;
Ye heirs of glory, hear;
For accents ſo divine as theſe
Might charm the dulleſt ear.

2 Baptiz'd into your Saviour's death,
Your ſouls to ſin muſt die;
With Chriſt our Lord ye live anew,
With Chriſt aſcend on high.

3 There at his father's hand he ſits
Enthron'd divinely fair;
Yet owns himſelf your brother ſtill,
And your forerunner there.

4 Riſe from theſe earthly trifles, riſe,
On wings of faith and love;
Jeſus your choiceſt treaſure lies,
And be your hearts above.

5 But earth and ſin will drag us down,
When we attempt to fly;
Lord, ſend thy ſtrong attractive force
To raiſe and fix us high.

CCCI. *The proſperity of the church, the life of a faithful miniſter.* 1 Theſſ. iii. 8.

1 BLEST Jeſus bow thine ear,
While we intreat thy love;
O come, and all our hearts poſſeſs,
And our beſt paſſions move.

2 May we ſtand faſt in thee,
Tho' ſtorms and tempeſts beat;
And in thy guardian-arms obtain
A calm and ſafe retreat.

3 Still be thy truth maintain'd,
And ſtill thy word obey'd,
And to the merits of thy blood
A conſtant homage paid.

4 So ſhall thy ſhepherds live
And raiſe their chearful head,
And, in ſuch bleſſings on their flock,
Confeſs their toils repaid.

CCCII. *Comfort on the death of pious friends.* 1 Theſſ. iv. 17, 18.

1 TRanſporting tidings which we hear!
What muſic to the pious ear?
Chriſt loves each humble ſaint ſo well,
He with his Lord ſhall ever dwell.

2 Bleſt Jeſus, ſource of ev'ry grace,
From far to view thy ſmiling face
While abſent thus by faith we live,
Exceeds all joys, that earth can give.

3 But O! what ecſtaſy unknown
Fills the wide circle round thy throne,
Where ev'ry rapt'rous hour appears
Nobler than millions of our years!

4 Millions by millions multiplied
Shall ne'er thy ſaints from thee divide;

But

But the bright legions live and praiſe
Thro' all thy own immortal days.

5 O happy dead, in thee that ſleep,
While o'er their mould'ring duſt we weep!
O faithful Saviour, who ſhalt come
That duſt to ranſom from the tomb!

6 While thine unerring word imparts
So rich a cordial to our hearts,
Thro' tears our triumphs ſhall be ſhown,
Tho' round their graves, and near our own.

CCCIII. *Chriſt glorified and admired in his ſaints at the great day.* 2 Theſſ. i. 10.

1 YE heav'ns with ſounds of triumph ring;
Ye angels, burſt into a ſong;
Jeſus deſcends, victorious king,
And leads his ſhining train along.

2 Ye ſaints that ſleep in duſt, ariſe;
Let joy re-animate your clay;
Spring to your Saviour thro' the ſkies,
And round his throne your homage pay.

3 Then let the ſons of heav'n draw nigh,
While to th' aſtoniſh'd hoſts you tell,
How feeble mortals roſe ſo high
From graves and worms, from ſin and hell.

4 Tell them, in accents like their own,
What an incarnate God could do;
Then point to Jeſus on the throne,
And boaſt, that Jeſus died for you.

5 Tranſ-

5 Tranſported, they no more can hear;
Their voices catch the ſacred name;
Harmonious to his father's ear,
Jeſus the God, their harps proclaim.

6 Sin hath its dire * incurſions made,
That thou might'ſt prove thy pow'r to ſave;
And death its enſigns wide diſplay'd,
That thou might'ſt triumph o'er the grave.

* Dreadful.

CCCIV. *Chriſt ſeen of Angels.* 1 Tim. iii. 16.

1 O Ye immortal throng
Of angels round the throne,
Join with our feeble ſong
To make the Saviour known:
On earth ye knew
His wond'rous grace,
His beauteous face
In heav'n ye view.

2 Ye ſaw the heav'n-born child
In human fleſh array'd,
Benevolent and mild,
While in the manger laid:
And praiſe to God,
And peace on earth,
For ſuch a birth,
Proclaim'd aloud.

3 Ye in the wilderneſs
Beheld the tempter ſpoil'd,
Well known in ev'ry dreſs,
In ev'ry combat foil'd;

And

And joy'd to crown
The Victor's head
When Satan fled
Before his frown.

4 Around the bloody tree
Ye preſs'd with ſtrong deſire,
That wond'rous ſight to ſee,
The Lord of life expire;
And, could your eyes
Have known a tear,
Had dropp'd it there
In ſad ſurprize.

5 Around his ſacred tomb
A willing watch ye keep;
Till the bleſt moment come
To roufe Him from his ſleep:
Then roll'd the ſtone,
And all ador'd
Your riſing Lord
With joy unknown.

6 When all array'd in light
The ſhining conqu'ror rode,
Ye hail'd his rapt'rous flight
Up to the throne of God;
And wav'd around
Your golden wings,
And ſtruck your ſtrings
Of ſweeteſt ſound.

7 The warbling notes purſue,
And louder anthems raiſe;
While mortals ſing with you
Their own Redeemer's praiſe:

And thou, my heart,
With equal flame,
And joy the same,
Perform thy part.

CCCV. *The ſtability of the divine foundation and its double inſcription.* 2 Tim. ii. 19.

1 TO thee, great architect on high,
Immortal thanks be paid,
Who, to ſupport thy ſinking ſaints,
This firm foundation laid.

2 Fix'd on a rock thy goſpel ſtands,
And braves * the rage of hell;
And, while the Saviour's hand protects,
His blood cements it well.

3 Here will I build my final hope;
Here reſt my weary ſoul;
Majeſtic ſhall the ‡ fabric riſe,
Till glory crown the whole.

4 Deep on my heart, all-gracious Lord,
Engrave its double ſeal;
Which, while it ſpeaks thy honour'd name
Its ſacred uſe may tell.

5 Dear by a thouſand tender bonds,
Thy ſaints to thee are known;
And, conſcious what a name they bear,
Iniquity they ſhun.

* Defies. ‡ Building.

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CCCVI. *Perſecution to be expected by every true Chriſtian.* 2 Tim. iii. 12.

1 GREAT leader of thine Iſrael's hoſt,
We ſhout thy conqu'ring name;
Legions of foes beſet thee round,
And legions fled with ſhame.

2 A vict'ry glorious and complete
Thou by thy death didſt gain;
So in thy cauſe may we contend,
And death itſelf ſuſtain.

3 By our illuſtrious gen'ral fir'd,
We no extremes would fear;
Prepar'd to ſtruggle and to bleed,
If thou, our Lord, be near.

4 We'll trace the footſteps thou haſt drawn
To triumph and renown;
Nor ſhun thy combat and thy croſs,
May we but ſhare thy crown.

CCCVII. *The chriſtian ſcheme of ſalvation worthy of God.* Heb. ii. 10.

1 IMMORTAL God, on thee we call,
The great original of all;
Thro' thee we are, to thee, we tend,
Our ſure ſupport, our glorious end.

2 We praiſe that wiſe myſterious grace,
That pitied our revolted race,
And Jeſus, our victorious head,
The captains of Salvation made.

3 He, thine eternal love decreed,
Should many ſons to glory lead;
And ſinful worms to him are giv'n,
A colony to people heav'n.

4 Jeſus for us, (O gracious name!)
Encounters agony and ſhame:
Jeſus, the glorious and the great,
Was by dire * ſuff'ring made complete.

5 A ſcene of wonders here we ſee,
Worthy thy ſon, and worthy thee:
And, while this theme employs our tongues,
All heav'n unites its ſweeteſt ſongs.

CCCVIII. Satan *and* Death *conquered by the death of Chriſt.* Heb. ii. 14, 15.

1 SATAN, the dire * invader came
Our new-made world t' annoy:
And death march'd dreadful in his rear,
His captives to deſtroy.

2 Caught in his ſnares our father ſunk;
With him his children fell;
And death his fatal ſhaft ‡ prepar'd
To ſmite them down to hell.

3 Jeſus with pitying eye beheld,
And left his ſtarry crown;
Turn'd his own weapons on the foe,
And mov'd his legions down.

* Dreadful. ‡ Arrow.

4 By death the Saviour death diſarm'd,
That we in light may ſhine;
And fix'd this great myſterious law,
That duſt ſhould duſt refine.

5 No more the pointed ſhaft we fear,
Nor dread the monſter's boaſt;
No more the pious dead we mourn,
As friends for ever loſt.

6 Their tongues, great prince of life, ſhall join
With our recover'd breath,
And all th' immortal hoſts, t' aſcribe
Our vict'ry to thy death.

CCCIX. *An immediate attention to God's voice required.* Heb. iii. 15.

1 THE Lord Jehovah calls,
Be ev'ry ear inclin'd;
May ſuch a voice awake each heart,
And captivate the mind.

2 If he in thunder ſpeaks,
Earth trembles at his nod;
But gentle accents here proclaim
The condeſcending God.

3 O harden not your hearts,
But hear his voice to-day:
Leſt, ere to-morrow's earlieſt dawn,
He call your ſouls away.

4 Almighty God, pronounce
The word of conqu'ring grace;

So ſhall the flint diſſolve to tears,
And ſcorners ſeek thy face.

CCCX. *The eternal ſabbath.* Heb. iv. 9.

1 LORD of the ſabbath, hear our vows,
On this thy day, in this thy houſe:
And own, as grateful ſacrifice,
The ſongs, which from the deſert riſe.

2 Thine earthly ſabbaths, Lord, we love;
But there's a nobler reſt above;
To that our lab'ring ſoul's aſpire
With ardent pangs of ſtrong deſire.

3 No more fatigue, no more diſtreſs;
Nor ſin nor hell ſhall reach the place;
No groans to mingle with the ſongs,
Which warble from immortal tongues.

4 No rude alarms of raging foes;
No cares to break the long repoſe;
No midnight ſhade, no clouded ſun,
But ſacred, high, eternal noon.

5 O long-expected day begin;
Dawn on theſe realms of woe and ſin:
Fain would we leave this weary road,
And ſleep in death to reſt with God.

CCCXI. *Chriſt our forerunner, and the foundation of our hope.* Heb. vi. 19, 20.

1 JESUS the Lord our ſouls adore,
A painful ſuff'rer now no more;

High

High on his father's throne he reigns
O'er earth, and heav'n's extenſive plains.

2 His race for ever is complete;
For ever undiſturb'd his ſeat;
Myriads of angels round him fly,
And ſing his well-gain'd victory.

3 Yet, 'midſt the honours of his throne,
He joys not for himſelf alone;
His meaneſt ſervants ſhare their part,
Share in that royal tender heart.

4 Riſe, riſe my ſoul, thy raptur'd ſight,
With ſacred wonder and delight;
Jeſus thy own forerunner ſee
Enter'd beyond the veil for thee.

5 Loud let the howling tempeſt yell,
And foaming waves to mountains ſwell,
No ſhipwreck can my veſſel fear,
Since hope hath fix'd its anchor here.

CCCXII. *The evil conſcience purified by the blood of Jeſus.* Heb. ix. 13, 14.

1 BLEST be the lamb, whoſe blood was ſpilt
To ſprinkle conſcience from its guilt;
To eaſe its pains, to calm its fears,
And purchaſe grace for future years.

2 Cleans'd by this all-atoning blood,
We joy in free acceſs to God,
The living God, before whoſe face
Sinners in vain ſhall ſeek a place.

3 Rouze

3 Rouze thee, my ſoul, to ſerve him ſtill
With cordial love, with active zeal:
Serve him, like his own ſon divine,
Who made his life the price of thine.

4 Bleſt Jeſus, introduc'd by thee,
The father's ſmiling face I ſee;
And, ſtrengthen'd by thy grace alone,
Theſe grateful ſervices are done.

5 Then muſt my debt from day to day
Grow with each ſervice that I pay;
So grows my joy, dear Lord, to be
Thus more and more in debt to thee.

CCCXIII. *Death and judgment appointed to all.* Heb. ix. 27.

1 HEAV'N has confirm'd the great decree
That Adam's race muſt die:
One gen'ral ruin ſweeps them down,
And low in duſt they lie.

2 Ye living men, the tomb ſurvey,
Where you muſt quickly dwell;
Hark how the awful ſummons ſounds
In ev'ry fun'ral knell!

3 Once you muſt die, and once for all;
The ſolemn purport weigh;
For know that heav'n and hell are hung,
On that important day.

4 Thoſe eyes, ſo long in darkneſs veil'd,
Muſt wake the judge to ſee,

And

And ev'ry word, and ev'ry thought
Muſt paſs its ſcrutiny.

5 O may I in the judge behold
My Saviour and my friend,
And far beyond the reach of death
With all his ſaints aſcend.

CCCXIV. *Chriſt's ſecond appearance, &c.* Heb. ix. 28.

1 BEHOLD the Son of God appears,
And in his fleſh our ſins he bears;
The victim at God's altar ſtood
To expiate guilt by groans and blood.

2 But lo, a ſecond time he comes
To ſhake the earth, and rend the tombs;
Theſe heav'ns before him melt away,
And ſun and ſtars in ſmoke decay.

3 Yet 'midſt this gen'ral wreck and dread,
Ye ſaints, with triumph lift the head;
With glad ſurprize your Saviour meet,
Who comes to make your bliſs complete.

4 My ſoul, an happineſs ſo great
With pleaſing expectation wait;
And, while I dwell upon the thought,
Be earth and all its toys forgot.

5 My Saviour-God, what grace is thine,
Which gives a proſpect ſo divine!
Come bleſſed day, and teach our tongues
How angels warble out their ſongs.

CCCXV.

CCCXV. *Liberty to enter through the veil by the blood of Chriſt.* Heb. x. 19—22.

1 APPROACH, ye children of your God;
Fav'rites of heav'n draw near;
Enter the holieſt with delight,
Tho' his own ark be there.

2 Paſs thro' the veil, the Saviour's fleſh,
That new and living way;
And majeſty enſhrin'd * in love
Shall gentle beams diſplay.

3 Jeſus with ſin-atoning blood
The throne hath ſprinkled o'er;
His fragrant incenſe ſpreads its cloud,
And juſtice flames no more.

4 Approach with boldneſs and with joy,
But ſpotleſs all draw near;
Pure be your lives from ev'ry ſtain,
And ev'ry conſcience clear.

5 So ſhall the bleſſings of his grace
On all your ſouls diſtil,
Till each a royal prieſt appears
On his celeſtial hill.

* Surrounded with and ſoftened by.

CCCXVI. *God's fidelity to his promiſes.* Heb. x. 23.

1 THE Promiſes I ſing,
Which ſov'reign love hath ſpoke;

Nor

Nor will th' eternal king
His words of grace revoke;
They ſtand ſecure;
And ſtedfaſt ſtill;
Not Zion's hill
Abides ſo ſure.

2 The mountains melt away
Whence once the judge appears,
And ſun and moon decay,
That meaſure mortals years;
But ſtill the ſame
In radiant lines
The promiſe ſhines
Thro' all the flame.

3 Their harmony ſhall ſound
Thro' mine attentive ears,
When thunders cleave the ground,
And diſſipate the ſpheres;
'Midſt all the ſhock
Of that dread ſcene,
I ſtand ſerene,
Thy word my rock.

CCCXVII. *The day approaching, a motive to love and worſhip.* Heb. x. 24, 25.

1 THE day approacheth, O my ſoul,
The great deciſive day,
Which from the verge of mortal life
Shall bear thee far away.

2 Another day more awful dawns;
And lo, the judge appears;

Ye

Ye heav'ns, retire before his face,
And ſink, ye darken'd ſtars.

3 Yet does one ſhort preparing hour,
One precious hour remain;
Rouze thee, my ſoul, with all thy pow'r,
Nor let it paſs in vain.

4 With me my brethren ſoon muſt die,
And at that bar appear;
Now be our intercourſe improv'd
To mutual comfort here.

5 For this, thy temple, Lord, we throng;
For this, thy board ſurround;
Here may our ſervice be approv'd,
And in thy preſence crown'd.

CCCXVIII. Abraham's *faith in leaving his country at the divine command.* Heb. xi. 8.

1 NOW let our ſongs proclaim abroad
Th' unchanging name of Abram's God;
In him let Abram's children boaſt,
Their father's ever-living Lord,
His ſhield, his friend, his great reward,
Who never can deceive their truſt.

2 Call'd by thy voice, with joyful ſpeed
He went, where thou waſt pleas'd to lead,
Unknowing in the path he trod;
His land, his kindred ſtrove in vain,
The pious pilgrim to detain,
Propt on the promiſe of his God.

3 So at thy word the ſaint foregoes *
Each tender tie the nation knows,
And hears no other voice but thine;
Marches, where thou ſhalt point the way,
Where thou ſhalt pitch his tent, will ſtay,
And learns his Iſaac to reſign.

4 At length, ſtill faithful to thy own,
Thou call'ſt him to a world unknown,
Thro' paths untrod by mortal feet;
Smiling he owns thy voice in death,
Gives to the air his fleeting breath,
And finds the road to Abram's ſeat.

* Breaks through.

CCCXIX. *The God of the* Patriarchs *preparing them a city.* Heb. xi. 16.

1 I AM thy God, Jehovah ſaid,
To Abram, and his choſen ſeed;
And ſtill the ſame relation owns
To each of Abram's faithful ſons.

2 Sov'reign of heav'n, what works of love
So grand a title ſhall approve?
What ſplendid gifts will God beſtow,
That all its high import may know?

3 Not the rich flocks and herds that feed
Round Abram's tents in Mamre's mead;
Not Joſeph's chariot; nor the throne,
Iv'ry and gold of Solomon.

4 Not Canaan's plains a lot can prove
Proportion'd to Jehovah's love;

Not Zion's ſacred mountain, where
His temple glitter'd like a ſtar.

5 O'er Zion's mount, o'er Canaan's plains,
Oppreſſion now, and horror reigns:
And, where the throne of David ſtood,
His ruin'd ſepulchre is view'd.

6 'Tis in the heav'n of heav'ns alone
Thoumak'ſtthywond'rousfriendſhipknown;
A city there thy hand prepares,
Fix'd as thy own eternal years.

7 Long as they reign before thy face,
The bliſsful nations ſhall confeſs,
Thy ſov'reign love has there beſtow'd
Salvation worthy of a God.

CCCXX. Moſes' *wiſe choice.* Heb. xi. 26.

1 MY ſoul, with all thy waken'd pow'rs
Survey the heav'nly prize;
Nor let theſe glitt'ring toys of earth
Allure thy wand'ring eyes.

2 The ſplendid crown, which Moſes ſought,
Still beams around his brow;
Tho' ſoon great Pharaoh's ſcepter'd pride,
Was taught by death to bow.

3 The joys and treaſures of a day
I chearfully reſign;
Rich in that large immortal ſtore,
Secur'd by grace divine.

4 Let

4 Let fools my wiſer choice deride,
Angels and God approve;
Nor ſcorn of men, nor rage of hell
My ſtedfaſt ſoul ſhall move.

5 With ardent eye that bright reward
I daily will ſurvey;
And in the blooming proſpect loſe
The ſorrows of the way.

CCCXXI. *Acting, as ſeeing him who is inviſible.* Heb. xi. 27.

1 ETERNAL and immortal king,
Thy peerleſs*ſplendours none can bear,
But darkneſs veils Seraphic eyes,
When God with all his luſtre's there.

2 Yet faith can pierce the awful gloom,
The great Inviſible can ſee;
And with its tremblings mingle joy
In fix'd regards, Great God, to thee.

3 Then ev'ry tempting form of ſin,
Sham'd in thy preſence, diſappears!
And all the glowing raptur'd ſoul
The likeneſs it contemplates wears.

4 O ever-conſcious to my heart,
Witneſs to its ſupreme deſire,
Behold it preſſeth on to thee,
For it hath caught the heav'nly fire.

5 This one petition would it urge,
To bear thee ever in its ſight;

* Unequalled

In life, in death, in worlds unknown,
Its only portion and delight.

CCCXXII. *Subjection to God, the father of our ſpirits.* Heb. xii. 9.

1 ETERNAL ſource of life and thought,
Be all beneath thyſelf forgot;
Whilſt thee, great parent-mind, we own
In proſtrate homage round thy throne.

2 Whilſt in themſelves our ſouls ſurvey
Of thee ſome faint reflected ray,
They wond'ring to their father riſe;
His pow'r how vaſt! His thoughts how wiſe!

3 Behold us as thine offspring, Lord,
And do not caſt us off abhorr'd;
Nor let thy hand, ſo long our joy,
Be rais'd in vengeance to deſtroy.

4 O may we live before thy face,
The willing ſubjects of thy grace;
And thro' each path of duty move
With filial awe, and filial love.

CCCXXIII. *The immutability of Chriſt.* Heb. xiii. 8.

1 WITH tranſport, Lord, our ſouls proclaim
Th' immortal honours of thy name:
Aſſembled round our Saviour's throne,
We make his ceaſeleſs glories known.

2 High

2 High on his father's royal ſeat
Our Jeſus ſhone divinely great,
Ere Adam's clay with life was warm'd,
Or Gabriel's nobler ſpirit form'd.

3 Thro' all ſucceeding ages he
The ſame hath been, the ſame ſhall be;
Immortal radiance gilds his head,
While ſtars and ſuns wax old and fade.

4 The ſame his pow'r his flock to guard;
The ſame his bounty to reward;
The ſame his faithfulneſs and love
To ſaints on earth, and ſaints above.

5 Let nature change and ſink and die;
Jeſus ſhall raiſe his choſen high,
And fix them near his ſtable throne,
In glory changeleſs as his own.

CCCXXIV. *Watching for ſouls in the view of the great account.* Heb. xiii. 17.

For the ordination of a miniſter.

1 LET Zion's watchmen all awake,
And take th' alarm they give;
Now let them from the mouth of God
Their ſolemn charge receive.

2 'Tis not a cauſe of ſmall import
The Paſtor's care demands;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
And fill'd a Saviour's hands.

3 They watch for ſouls, for which the Lord
Did heav'nly bliſs forego*;
For ſouls which muſt for ever live
In raptures, or in woe.

4 All to the great tribunal haſte,
Th' account to render there;
And ſhouldſt thou ſtrictly mark our faults,
Lord, how ſhall we appear?

5 May they that Jeſus, whom they preach,
Their own redeemer ſee;
And watch thou daily o'er their ſouls,
That they may watch for thee.

* Forſake, lay aſide.

CCCXXV. *The chriſtian perfected by divine grace through Chriſt.* Heb. xiii. 20, 21.

1 FATHER of peace, and God of love,
We own thy pow'r to ſave;
That pow'r, by which our ſhepherd roſe
Victorious o'er the grave.

2 We triumph in that ſhepherd's name,
Still watchful for our good;
Who brought th' eternal cov'nant down,
And ſeal'd it with his blood.

3 So may thy ſpirit ſeal my ſoul,
And mould it to thy will;
That my fond heart no more may ſtray,
But keep thy cov'nant ſtill.

4 Still

4 Still may we gain ſuperior ſtrength,
And preſs with vigour on,
Till full perfection crown our hopes,
And fix us near thy throne.

CCCXXVI. *Chriſtians begotten to God as the firſt fruits of his creatures.* James i. 18.

1 NOW to that ſov'reign grace,
Whence all our comforts ſpring,
Let the whole new-begotten race
Their chearful praiſes bring.

2 His will firſt made the choice;
His word the change hath wrought;
In him our father we rejoice,
Nor be the name forgot.

3 Lord, may this matchleſs love,
Which thy own children ſee,
Make us from all thy creatures prove
As the firſt-fruits to thee.

4 Sacred to thee alone
Be all theſe pow'rs of mine,
Then in the nobleſt ſenſe my own,
When moſt entirely thine.

CCCXXVII. *Looking into the perfect law of liberty, and continuing in it.* James i. 25.

1 BEHOLD the glaſs the goſpel lends,
That men themſelves may view:

How

How free from ſtain its ſurface is!
How poliſh'd, and how true!

2 Behold that wiſe, that perfect law,
Which nobleſt freedom gives;
O may it all our ſouls refine,
And ſanctify our lives!

3 Not with a tranſient glance ſurvey'd,
And in an hour forgot,
But deep inſcrib'd on ev'ry heart,
To reign o'er ev'ry thought.

4 Great author of each perfect gift,
Thy ſov'reign grace diſplay,
That theſe rebellious roving pow'rs
May hearken and obey.

5 Inſpir'd by thee, our feeble ſouls
Shall paſs victorious on;
As the faint dawning light improves
To all the blaze of noon.

CCCXXVIII. *James's advice to ſinners.*
James iv. 7, 8.

1 YE ſinners, bend your ſtubborn necks
Beneath the yoke divine;
In low ſubmiſſion bow ye down
Before his ſacred ſhrine.

2 In pious ſtreams your follies mourn,
And ſeek his injur'd grace!
And wait with broken bleeding hearts
The op'nings of his face.

3 Reſiſt

3 Reſiſt the tempter's fierce attacks,
And he ſhall ſpeed his flight;
Draw near to God, and his embrace
Shall fold you with delight.

4 Ye ſinners, cleanſe your ſpotted hands,
And purge your hearts from ſin;
Here fix your long-divided views,
And peace ſhall reign within.

5 Bleſt Saviour, draw us by thy love,
And fix us by thy pow'r;
When we have felt theſe ſweet conſtraints,
Our ſouls ſhall rove no more.

CCCXXIX. *The vanity of worldly ſchemes inferred from the uncertainty of life.* James iv. 13, 14, 15.

1 TO-MORROW, Lord, is thine,
Lodg'd in thy ſov'reign hand;
And if its ſun ariſe and ſhine,
It ſhines by thy command.

2 The preſent moment flies,
And bears our life away;
O make thy ſervants truly wiſe,
That they may live to-day.

3 Since on this winged hour
Eternity is hung,
Waken by thine Almighty pow'r
The aged and the young.

4 One thing demands our care;
O be it ſtill purſu'd!

Leſt,

Leſt, ſlighted once, the ſeaſon fair
Should never be renew'd.

5 To Jeſus may we fly
Swift as the morning light,
Leſt life's young golden beams ſhould die
In ſudden endleſs night.

CCCXXX. *Rejoicing in an unſeen Saviour.* 1 Peter i. 8.

1 MINE inward joys, ſuppreſs'd too long,
Extatic burſt into a ſong;
From Chriſt, tho' now unſeen, they riſe
And reach his throne beyond the ſkies.

2 His glories ſtrike the wond'ring ſight
Of all the firſt-born ſons of light,
Beyond the Seraphim they ſhine,
Unrivall'd all, and all divine.

3 Yet mortal worms his friendſhip boaſt,
And make his ſaving name their truſt:
Jeſus, my Lord, I know him well;
He reſcu'd me from death and hell.

4 This ſinful heart from God eſtrang'd,
His new-creating pow'r hath chang'd;
And, mingling with each ſecret thought,
Maintains the work, which firſt it wrought.

5 He gives to ſee his father's face:
He gives my ſoul to thrive in grace;
And brings the views of glory down,
The beamings of my heavenly crown.

6 Thus

Thus entertain'd, while here below
Unſpeakable my tranſports grow;
New joys in ſwift ſucceſſion roll,
And glory fills my ſilent ſoul.

CCXXXI. *The heart purified to love unfeigned by the ſpirit.* 1 Peter i. 22.

GREAT ſpirit of immortal love,
Vouchſafe our frozen hearts to move:
With ardour ſtrong theſe breaſts inflame
To all that own a Saviour's name.

Still let the heav'nly fire endure
Fervent and vig'rous, true and pure;
Let ev'ry heart and ev'ry hand
Join in the dear fraternal band *.

Celeſtial dove, deſcend, and bring
The ſmiling bleſſings on thy wing;
And make us taſte thoſe ſweets below,
Which in the bliſsful manſions grow.

* Brotherly union.

CCXXXII. *Taſting that the Lord is gracious.* 1 Peter ii. 3.

YES, it is ſweet to taſte his grace,
Who bought us with his blood;
My ſoul prefers the reliſh ſtill
To all created good.

O how I love that vital word
Which taught me firſt to live!

Thirſt

Thirſt for that uncorrupted milk,
That I may grow and thrive!

3 All-gracious Lord, inſtruct us more
Thy ſaving gifts to know:
And let our inmoſt hearts rejoice,
That thou haſt lov'd us ſo.

4 Open thy ſtores with lib'ral hand,
That we may daily feaſt;
And let each dying ſoul around,
The ſweet ſalvation taſte.

CCCXXXIII. *Coming to Chriſt as a living ſtone.* 1 Peter ii 4, 5.

1 WITH ecſtaſy of joy
Extol his glorious name,
Who rais'd the ſpacious earth,
And rais'd our ruin'd frame;
He built the church
Who built the ſky,
Shout and exalt
His honours high.

2 See the foundation laid
By pow'r and love divine;
Jeſus, his firſt-born ſon,
How bright his glories ſhine!
How he deſcends,
In duſt he lies,
That from his tomb
A church might riſe.

3 But He for ever lives,
Nor for himſelf alone;
Each ſaint new light derives
From this myſterious ſtone;
His influence darts
Thro' ev'ry ſoul,
And in one houſe
Unites the whole.

4 To him with joy we move;
In him cemented ſtand;
The living temple grows,
And owns the founder's hand;
That ſtructure, Lord,
Still higher raiſe,
Louder to ſound
Its builder's praiſe.

5 Deſcend, and ſhed abroad
The tokens of thy grace,
And with more radiant beams
Let glory fill the place;
Our joyful ſouls
Shall proſtrate fall,
And own, our God
Is all in all.

CCCXXXIV. *Chriſt the corner-ſtone.* 1 Pet. ii. 6. *compared with* Iſaiah xxviii, 16, 17.

1 LORD, doſt thou ſhew a corner-ſtone
For us to build our hopes upon,
That the fair edifice may riſe
Sublime in light beyond the ſkies?

2 We own the work of ſov'reign love:
Nor death nor hell thoſe hopes ſhall move
Which fix'd on this foundation ſtand,
Laid by thy own almighty hand.

3 Thy people long this ſtone have tried,
And all the pow'rs of hell defy'd;
Floods of temptation beat in vain;
Well doth this rock the houſe ſuſtain.

4 When ſtorms of wrath around prevail,
Whirlwind and thunder, fire and hail,
'Tis here our trembling ſouls ſhall hide,
And here ſecurely they abide.

5 While they that ſcorn this precious ſtone
Fond of ſome quickſand of their own,
Borne down by weighty vengeance die,
And buried deep in ruin lie.

CCCXXXV. *Chriſt precious to the believer.*
1 Peter ii. 7.

1 JESUS, I love thy charming name;
'Tis muſic to mine ear;
Fain would I ſound it out ſo loud,
That earth and heav'n ſhould hear.

2 Yes, thou art precious to my ſoul,
My tranſport, and my truſt:
Jewels to thee are gaudy toys,
And gold is ſordid duſt.

3 All my capacious pow'rs can wiſh
In thee doth richly meet:

Nor

Nor to mine eyes is light ſo dear,
Nor friendſhip half ſo ſweet.

4 Thy grace ſtill dwells upon my heart,
And ſheds its fragrance there;
The nobleſt balm of all its wounds,
The cordial of its care.

5 I'll ſpeak the honours of thy name
With my laſt lab'ring breath;
Then ſpeechleſs claſp thee in mine arms,
The antidote of death.

CCCXXXVI. Noah *preſerved in the ark, and the believer in Chriſt.* 1 Pet. iii. 20, 21.

1 THE deluge, at th' Almighty's call,
In what impetuous ſtreams it fell!
Swallow'd the mountains in its rage,
And ſwept a guilty world to hell.

2 In vain the talleſt ſons of pride
Fled from the cloſe-purſuing wave;
Nor could their mightieſt tow'rs defend,
Nor ſwiftneſs 'ſcape, nor courage ſave.

3 How dire the wreck! How loud the roar!
How ſhrill the univerſal cry
Of millions in the laſt deſpair,
Re-echo'd from the low'ring ſky!

4 Yet Noah, humble happy ſaint,
Surrounded with the choſen few,
Sat in his ark, ſecure from fear,
And ſang the grace that ſteer'd him thro'.

5 So I may ſing, in Jeſus ſafe,
While ſtorms of vengeance round me fall,
Conſcious how high my hopes are fix'd,
Beyond what ſhakes this earthly ball.

6 Enter thine ark, while patience waits,
Nor ever quit that ſure retreat;
Then the wide flood, which buries earth,
Shall waft thee to a fairer ſeat.

7 Nor wreck nor ruin there is ſeen;
There not a wave of trouble rolls?
But the bright rainbow round the throne*
Seals endleſs life to all their ſouls.

* Rev. iv. 3.

CCCXXXVII. *The ungodly warned of their final appearance.* 1 Peter iv. 18.

1 BEHOLD God's great incarnate ſon
In majeſty comes flying down:
Hark! for his trumpet's awful ſound
Awakes the dead, and cleaves the ground.

2 So ſolemn ſhall the judgment be,
And ſo ſevere the ſcrutiny†,
That, by his merit tried alone,
The ſaint himſelf would be undone.

3 Where then, ye ſons of Belial ‡, where
Will your aſtoniſh'd ſouls appear?
How will ye ſhun his piercing ſight?
Or how reſiſt his matchleſs might?

† Examination. ‡ Rebellious men.

4 Up to the pointed mountains fly,
And gain the confines * of the ſky;
There ſhall ye meet celeſtial fire,
While mountains melt before his ire †.

5 Call on the rending earth to ſave,
And in its centre ſearch a grave;
The Judge ſhall well diſcern thee there,
And drag thee trembling to his bar.

6 Deck thee around with fraud and lies,
And put on ev'ry fair diſguiſe;
Soon ſhall thy painted form be known
Amidſt ten thouſand of his own.

7 Gird thee in arms his wrath t' oppoſe,
And league with millions of his foes;
Soon would the rebel-band expire
Like crackling thorns amidſt the fire.

8 One only way may yet be found;
Submiſſive bow ye to the ground:
His croſs a refuge will afford
From all the terrors of his ſword.

* Borders. † Anger.

CCCXXXVIII. *Humbling ourſelves unto God's mighty hand.* 1 Peter v. 6.

1 BENEATH thy mighty hand, O God,
Our ſouls we proſtrate low;
Shine forth with gentle radiant beams,
That we thy name may know.

2 Thy hand this various frame produc'd,
And ſtill ſupports it well;

That hand with juſtice and with eaſe
Might ſmite our ſouls to hell.

3 Conſcious of meanneſs and of guilt,
We in the duſt would lie;
Stretch forth thy condeſcending arm,
And lift the humble high.

4 So in the temples of thy grace
We'll ſov'reign mercy own,
And, when we ſhine above the ſtars,
Extol thy grace alone.

5 The more thou raiſe ſuch ſinful duſt,
The lower would it fall;
For leſs than nothing, Lord, are we,
And thou art all in all.

CCCXXXIX. *The ſame. For a faſt-day.*

1 OUR ſouls with rev'rence, Lord, bow down
Struck by the ſplendours of thy throne;
Humbled, while in thy houſe we ſtand,
Beneath thy great tremendous hand.

2 That hand, which bears the ſteady pole,
While nature's wheels unwearied roll;
That hand, which gives each creature food
And fills the world with various good.

3 That hand which pierc'd thy darling ſon
To expiate crimes, that we had done:
That hand, which ſcatters grace abroad
To turn thy foes to ſons of God.

4 But O! with what diſtracted rage
Have we preſum'd that hand t' engage?

And, while long patience hath been ſhewn,
Struggled to force thy vengeance down.

5 Here might thy wrath begin to flame,
And vindicate thine injur'd name:
Till the red thunders of thy hand
Had dealt deſtruction round our land.

6 With humble hearts our God we meet:
O raiſe the ſuppliants at thy feet!
And let that glorious arm this day
Embrace the rebels it might ſlay.

CCCXL. *God's care a remedy for ours.* 1 Peter v. 7.

1 HOW gentle God's commands!
How kind his precepts are!
"Come, caſt your burdens on the Lord,
"And truſt his conſtant care."

2 While providence ſupports,
Let ſaints ſecurely dwell;
That hand, which bears all nature up,
Shall guide his children well.

3 Why ſhould this anxious load
Preſs down your weary mind?
Haſte to your heav'nly Father's throne,
And ſweet refreſhment find.

4 His goodneſs ſtands approv'd
Down to the preſent day;
I'll drop my burden at his feet,
And bear a ſong away.

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CCCXLI. *Eſtabliſhment in religion from the God of all grace.* 1 Peter v. 10, 11.

1 HOW rich thy favours, God of grace!
How various and divine!
Full as the ocean they are pour'd,
And bright as heav'n they ſhine.

2 He to eternal glory calls,
And leads the wond'rous way
To his own palace, where he reigns
In uncreated day.

3 Jeſus, the herald of his love,
Diſplays the radiant prize,
And ſhews the purchaſe of his blood
To our admiring eyes.

4 He perfects what his hand begins,
And ſtone on ſtone he lays:
Till firm and fair the building riſe,
A temple to his praiſe.

5 The ſongs of everlaſting years
That mercy ſhall attend,
Which leads, thro' ſuff'rings of an hour,
To joys, that never end.

CCCXLII. *The circumſtances of Chriſt's ſecond appearing.* 2 Peter iii. 11, 12.

1 MY waken'd ſoul, extend thy wings
Beyond the verge of mortal things;
See this vain world in ſmoke decay,
And rocks and mountains melt away.

2. Behold

2 Behold the fiery deluge roll
Thro' heav'n's wide arch from pole to pole:
Pale ſun, no more thy luſtre boaſt;
Tremble and fall, ye ſtarry hoſt.

3 This wreck of nature all around,
The angel's ſhout, the trumpet's ſound
Loud the deſcending judge proclaim,
And echo his tremendous name.

4 Children of Adam, all appear
With rev'rence round his awful bar;
For, as his lips pronounce, ye go
To endleſs bliſs, or endleſs woe.

5 Lord, to mine eyes, this ſcene diſplay
Frequent thro' each revolving day,
And let thy grace my ſoul prepare
To meet its full redemption there.

CCCXLIII. *The importance of being prepared for Chriſt's ſecond appearance.* 2 Peter iii. 14.

1 " BEHOLD I come, (the Saviour cries)
" With winged ſpeed I come;
" My voice ſhall call your ſouls away
" To their eternal home.

2 " Awake, ye ſons of ſloth, awake;
" Your vain amuſements ceaſe,
" And ſtrive with your united pow'rs,
" That ye be found in peace.

3 " Seize the bleſt hour with ardent haſte,
" Nor ſlight this peaceful word,
" Leſt

" Leſt your affrighted ſouls in vain
" Fly from my flaming ſword.

4 " Happy the man, whoſe ready heart
" Obeys the ſacred call;
" And ſhelters in my cov'nant grace
" His everlaſting all."

5 Bleſt Jeſus, whoſe all-ſearching eye
My inmoſt pow'rs can ſee,
Doſt thou not know my willing ſoul
Hath lodg'd that all with thee?

6 Theſe eager eyes thy ſignal wait;
My dear Redeemer, come:
I rove a weary pilgrim here,
And long to be at home.

CCCXLIV. *Growing in grace*, &c. 2 Pet. iii 18.

1 PRAISE to thy name, eternal God,
For all the grace thou ſhed'ſt abread;
For all thine influence from above
To warm our ſouls with ſacred love.

2 Bleſt be thy hand, which from the ſkies
Brought down this plant of Paradiſe,
And gave its heav'nly glories birth,
To deck this wilderneſs of earth.

3 But why does that celeſtial flow'r
Open, and thrive, and ſhine no more?
Where are its balmy odours fled;
And why reclines its beauteous head?

4 Too plain alas! the languor ſhews
Th' unkindly ſoul in which it grows;

Where

Where the black frosts and beating storm
Wither and rend its tender form.

5 Unchanging sun, thy beams display
To drive the frosts and storms away;
Make all thy potent virtues known
To chear a plant so much thy own.

6 And thou, blest spirit, deign to blow
Fresh gales of heav'n on shrubs below;
So shall they grow, and breathe abroad
A fragrance grateful to our God.

CCCXLV. *Experimental knowledge communicated.* 1 John i. 1—3.

1 JESUS, mine advocate above,
Let me not hear of thee alone,
But make the wonders of thy love
By deep experience sweetly known.

2 On thee my soul would fix its eye;
My lips would taste thy heav'nly grace;
Then would I raise thine honours high,
And teach a thousand tongues thy praise.

3 The sacred flame from heart to heart
Should with a rapid progress run;
Till each in God could boast his part,
Thro' sweet communion with his son.

4 Thus may the servants of the Lord,
Feel the salvation they proclaim;
And thus may crowds receive the word,
And echo back the Saviour's name.

CCCXLVI. *Communion with God and Chriſt.* 1 John i. 3.

1 OUR heav'nly Father calls,
And Chriſt invites us near;
With both our friendſhip ſhall be ſweet,
And our communion dear.

2 God pities all my griefs;
He pardons ev'ry day;
Almighty to protect my ſoul,
And wiſe to guide my way.

3 How large his bounties are!
What various ſtores of good,
Diffus'd from my Redeemer's hand,
And purchas'd with his blood!

4 Jeſus, my living head,
I bleſs thy faithful care;
Mine advocate before the throne,
And my forerunner there.

5 Here fix, my roving heart;
Here wait, my warmeſt love,
Till the communion be complete
In nobler ſcenes above.

CCCXLVII. *The privileges of ſaints by the blood of Jeſus.* 1 John i. 7.

1 MY various pow'rs, awake
To ſound redeeming grace;
To him, that waſh'd us in his blood,
Aſcribe eternal praiſe.

2 Wha

2 What tho' our guilt appears
Dy'd in a crimſon grain?
The ſtream, that flows from Jeſus' ſide,
Shall purge away the ſtain.

3 'Midſt all our various forms
We in this centre meet;
Our hearts, cemented by his blood,
Shall taſte communion ſweet.

4 Then let us walk in light,
Like Chriſt, whoſe name we wear;
And, as the pledge of endleſs bliſs,
Our Father's image bear.

CCCXLVIII. *The blood of Chriſt cleanſing from all ſin.* 1 John i. 7.

1 MY ſins, alas! how foul the ſtains!
How deep, and O! how wide!
O'er my polluted ſoul they ſpread,
In double crimſon dy'd.

2 How ſhall I ſtand before that God,
In whoſe all-piercing ſight
Some ſhades of darkneſs ſeem to veil
The pureſt ſons of light?

3 Where ſhall I waſh theſe ſpots away,
And make my nature clean,
Since drops of penitential grief
Are tinctur'd ſtill with ſin?

4 Behold a torrent all divine
Flows from the Saviour's ſide,

And ſtrangely bears a cryſtal ſtream
Amidſt the purple tide *.

5 Here will I bathe my ſpotted ſoul,
And make it pure and fair;
Till not the eye of God diſcern
One foul pollution there.

6 Then, dreſt in robes of ſnowy white,
I'll join the ſhining band,
And learn new anthems to the lamb,
While round his throne we ſtand.

* Referring to the blood and water, that came out of *Chriſt'* wounded ſide. *John* xix. 34.

CCCXLIX. *Having the ſon, and having life in him*, 1 John v. 2.

1 O Happy chriſtian, who can boaſt,
"The Son of God is mine!"
Happy, tho' humbled in the duſt;
Rich in this gift divine.

2 He lives the life of heav'n below,
And ſhall for ever live;
Eternal ſtreams from Chriſt ſhall flow,
And endleſs vigour give.

3 That life we aſk with bended knee,
Nor will the Lord deny;
Nor will celeſtial mercy ſee
Its humble ſuppliants die.

4 That life obtain'd, for praiſe alone
We wiſh continu'd breath;
And taught by bleſt experience, own
That praiſe can live in death.

CCCL. *Christ the first and the last, humbled to death, and exalted to an eternal triumph over it.* Rev. i. 17, 18.

1 WHAT myst'ries, Lord, in thee combine!
Jesus, once mortal, yet divine;
The first, the last; the end, the head;
The source of life among the dead.

2 O love, beyond the stretch of thought!
What matchless wonders hath it wrought!
My faith, while she the grace declares,
Trembles beneath the load she bears.

3 Hail, royal conqu'ror o'er the grave,
Tender to pity, strong to save!
For ever live, for ever reign,
And prosp'rous may thy throne remain!

4 Thy saints, obedient to thy word,
With humble joy surround thy board;
And, long as time pursues its race,
Proclaim thy death, and shout thy grace.

5 In the full choir, where angels join
Their harps of melody divine,
Thy death inspires a song of praise,
New thro' thy life's eternal days.

CCCLI. *The keys of death and the unseen world in Christ's hand.* Rev. i. 18.

1 HAIL to the prince of life and peace,
Who holds the keys of death and hell!

The ſpacious world unſeen is his,
And ſov'reign pow'r becomes him well.

2 In ſhame and torment once he died;
But now he lives for evermore:
Bow down, ye ſaints, around his ſeat,
And, all ye angel-bands, adore.

3 So live for ever, glorious Lord,
To cruſh thy foes, and guard thy friends;
While all thy choſen tribes rejoice,
That thy dominion never ends.

4 Worthy thy hand to hold the keys,
Guided by wiſdom, and by love;
Worthy to rule o'er mortal life,
O'er worlds below, and worlds above.

5 When death thy ſervants ſhall invade,
When pow'rs of hell thy church annoy,
Controul'd by thee, their rage ſhall help
The cauſe, they labour'd to deſtroy.

6 For ever reign, victorious king:
Wide thro' the earth thy name be known;
And call my longing ſoul to ſing
Sublimer anthems near thy throne.

CCCLII. *Chriſt's care of miniſters and churches.* Rev. ii. 1.

1 WE bleſs th' eternal ſource of light,
Who makes the ſtars to ſhine;
And, thro' this dark beclouded world,
Diffuſeth rays divine.

2 We

2 We bleſs the churches ſov'reign king,
Whoſe golden lamps we are;
Fix'd in the temples of his love
To ſhine with radiance fair.

3 Still be our purity preſerv'd;
Still fed with oil the flame;
And in deep character's inſcrib'd
Our heav'nly maſter's name.

4 Then, while between our ranks he walks,
And all our ſtate ſurveys,
His ſmiles ſhall with new luſtre deck
The people of his praiſe.

CCCLIII. *The chriſtian warrior animated and crowned.* Rev. ii. 10.

HARK! 'tis our heav'nly leader's voice
From his triumphant ſeat:
'Midſt all the war's tumultuous noiſe,
How pow'rful and how ſweet!

"Fight on, my faithful band, (he cries)
"Nor fear the mortal blow!
"Who firſt in ſuch a warfare dies
"Shall ſpeedieſt vict'ry know.

"I have my days of combat known,
"And in the duſt was laid;
"But thence I mounted to my throne,
"And glory crowns my head.

"That throne, that glory you ſhall ſhare;
"My hands the crown ſhall give;

" And you the ſparkling honours wear,
" While God himſelf ſhall live."

5 Lord, 'tis enough; our boſoms glow
With courage, and with love:
Thy hand ſhall bear thy ſoldiers thro',
And raiſe their heads above.

6 My ſoul, while death beſet me round,
Erects her ardent eyes,
And longs, thro' ſome illuſtrious wound,
To ruſh and ſeize the prize.

CCCLIV. *The pillar in God's heavenly temple, with its inſcription.* Rev. iii. 12.

1 ALL-HAIL, victorious Saviour, hail!
I bow to thy command;
And own, that David's royal key
Well fits my ſov'reign hand.

2 Open the treaſures of thy love,
And ſhed thy gifts abroad;
Unveil to my rejoicing eyes
The temple of my God.

3 There as a pillar let me ſtand
On an eternal baſe *;
Up rear'd by thine Almighty hand,
And poliſh'd by thy grace.

4 There deep engraven let me bear
The title of my God;
And mark the new Jeruſalem,
As my ſecure abode.

5 In

* Foundation.

5 In lasting characters inscribe
Thy own beloved name,
That endless ages there may read
The great Emanuel's claim.

6 Lead on, my gen'ral; I defy
What earth or hell can do;
Thy conduct, and this glorious hope
Shall bear thy soldier thro'.

CCCLV. *God's covenant unchangeable; or, The rainbow round about the throne.* Rev. iv. 3. *compared with* Gen. ix. 13—17.

1 SUPREME of beings, with delight
Our eyes survey this heav'nly sight;
And trace with admiration sweet
The beaming splendours of thy feet.

2 Jasper and sapphire strive in vain
To paint the glories of thy train;
Thy robes all stream eternal light,
Too pow'rful for a cherub's sight.

3 Yet round thy throne the rainbow shines,
Fair emblem of thy kind designs;
Bright pledge, that speaks thy cov'nant sure
Long as thy kingdom shall endure.

4 No more shall deluges of woe
Thy new-created world o'erflow;
Jesus, our sun, his beams displays,
And gilds the clouds with beauteous rays.

5 No gems so bright, no forms so fair;
Mercy and truth shall triumph there.

Thy

Thy ſaints ſhall bleſs the peaceful ſign;
When ſtars and ſuns forget to ſhine.

6 E'en here, while ſtorms and gloomy ſhade,
And horrors all the ſcene o'erſpread,
Faith views the throne with piercing eye,
And boaſts the rainbow ſtill is nigh.

CCCLVI. *Victory over* Satan *by the blood of the lamb, and the word of the teſtimony of his ſervants.* Rev. xii. 11.

1 SEE the old dragon from his throne
Sink with enormous ruin down!
Baniſh'd from heav'n, and doom'd to dwell
Deep in the fiery gloom of hell!

2 Ye heav'ns with all your hoſts, rejoice:
Ye ſaints, in conſort lend your voice:
Approach your Lord's victorious ſeat,
And tread the foe beneath your feet.

3 But whence a conqueſt ſo divine
Gain'd by ſuch feeble hands as mine?
Or whence can ſinful mortals boaſt
O'er Satan and his rebel-hoſt?

4 'Twas from thy blood, thou ſlaughter'd lamb,
That all our palms and triumphs came;
Thy croſs, thy ſpear, inflicts the ſtroke,
By which the monſter's head is broke.

5 Thy faithful word our hope maintains
Thro' all our combat and our pains;
The accents of thy heavenly breath
Thy ſoldiers bear thro' wounds and death.

6 Tri-

6 Triumphant lamb, in worlds unknown,
With tranſport round thy radiant throne,
Thy happy legions, all complete,
Shall lay their laurels at thy feet.

CCCLVII. *The ſong of* Moſes *and the lamb.*
Rev. xv. 3.

1 ISRAEL, the tribute bring
To God's victorious name;
The ſong of Moſes ſing,
Of Moſes and the lamb:
Improve his lays *;
The theme exceeds,
And nobler deeds
Demand our praiſe.

2 The prince of hell aroſe
With impious rage and pride,
And 'midſt our num'rous foes
Our feeble pow'r defy'd;
"I will o'ertake,
"And I deſtroy,
"My hand with joy
"Shall force thee back."

3 Thy hand, almighty Lord,
Thy trembling Iſrael ſaves;
Thine unreſiſted word
Divides the threat'ning waves:
Thy hoſts paſs o'er;
The foe o'erthrown
Sinks like a ſtone
To riſe no more.

4 Our

* Songs of praiſe.

4 Our triumphs we prepare,
And chearful anthems raiſe;
Jehovah's arm made bare
Demands immortal praiſe;
And while we ſing,
Ye ſhores, proclaim
His wond'rous name,
Ye deſerts, ring.

5 Thro' all the wilderneſs
Thy preſence, Lord, ſhall lead;
And bring us to the place,
Thy ſov'reign love decreed;
Thoſe bliſsful plains,
Where all around
Hoſannas ſound,
And tranſport reigns.

CCCLVIII. *The conqueſt of death and grief by views of the heavenly ſtate.* Rev. xxi. 4.

1 LIFT up, ye ſaints, your weeping eyes,
Suſpend your ſorrows and your ſighs;
Turn all your groans to joyful ſongs,
Which Jeſus dictates to your tongues.

2 Thus ſaith the Saviour from his throne,
" Behold all former things are gone,
" Paſt like an anxious dream away,
" Chas'd by the golden beams of day.

3 " See in celeſtial pomp array'd
" A new-created world diſplay'd;
" Mark with what light its proſpects ſhine!
" How grand, how various, how divine!

4 " There

4 "There my own gentle hand ſhall dry
"Each tear from each o'erflowing eye,
"And open wide my friendly breaſt
"To lull the weary ſoul to reſt.

5 "No more ſhall grief aſſail your heart,
"No boding fear, no piercing ſmart;
"For ever there my people dwell
"Beyond the range of death and hell."

6 Vain king of terrors, boaſt no more
Thine ancient wide-extended pow'r;
Each ſaint in life with Chriſt his head
Shall reign, when thou thyſelf art dead.

CCCLIX. *Chriſt, the root and offſpring of* David, *and the morning ſtar.* Rev. xxii. 16.

1 ALL-HAIL, myſterious king!
Hail, David's ancient root!
Thou righteous branch, which thence didſt [ſpring
To give the nations fruit.

2 Our weary ſouls ſhall reſt
Beneath thy grateful ſhade;
Our thirſting lips ſalvation taſte;
Our fainting hearts are glad.

3 Fair morning-ſtar, ariſe,
With living glories bright,
And pour on theſe awak'ning eyes,
A flood of ſacred light.

4 The horrid gloom is fled,
Pierc'd by thy beauteous ray;

Shine

Shine, and our wand'ring footſteps lead
To everlaſting day.

CCCLX. *Chriſt's invitations echoed back*, &c. Rev. xxii. 17.

1 HOW free the fountain flows
Of endleſs life and joy!
That ſpring, which no confinement knows,
Whoſe waters never cloy!

2 How ſweet the accents ſound
From the Redeemer's tongue!
"Aſſemble, all ye nations round,
"In one obedient throng.

3 "The ſpirit bears the call
"To all the diſtant lands;
"The church, the bride, reflects it back,
"While Jeſus waiting ſtands.

4 "Ho, ev'ry thirſty ſoul,
"Approach the ſacred ſpring;
"Drink, and your fainting ſpirits chear;
"Renew the draught, and ſing.

5 "Let all, that will, approach;
"The water freely take;
"Free from my op'ning heart it flows
"Your raging thirſt to ſlake."

6 With thankful hearts we come
To taſte the offer'd grace;
And call on all that hear to join
The trial and the praiſe.

CCCLXI.

CCCLXI. *The chriſtian rejoicing in the views of death and judgment.* Rev. xxii. 20.

1 " BEHOLD I come, (the Saviour cries)
" On wings of love I fly:"
So come, dear Lord, (my ſoul replies)
And bring ſalvation nigh.

2 Come, looſe theſe bonds of fleſh and ſin:
Come, end my pains and cares;
Bear me to thy ſerene abode
Beyond the clouds and ſtars.

3 I greet the meſſengers of death,
By which thou call'ſt me home;
But doubly greet that joyful hour,
When thou thyſelf ſhalt come.

4 Come, plead thy father's injur'd cauſe,
And make thy glory ſhine;
Come, rouſe thy ſervants mould'ring duſt,
And their whole frame refine.

5 O come amidſt th' angelic hoſts,
Their humble name to own;
And bear the full aſſembly back
To dwell around thy throne.

6 With winged ſpeed, redeemer dear,
Bring on th' illuſtrious day:
Come, leſt our ſpirits droop and faint
Beneath thy long delay.

HYMNS

ON

PARTICULAR OCCASIONS,

AND IN

UNCOMMON MEASURES.

HYMN CCCLXII.

A Morning-HYMN, to be used at awaking and rising.

1 AWAKE, my soul, to meet the day;
Unfold thy drowsy eyes,
And burst the pond'rous chain that loads
Thine active faculties.

2 God's guardian-shield was round me spread
In my defenceless sleep:
Let him have all my waking hours,
Who doth my slumbers keep.

3 [The work of each immortal soul—
Attentive care demands;

Think

Think then what painful labours wait
The faithful paſtor's hands.]

4 My moments fly with winged pace,
And ſwift my hours are hurl'd;
And death with rapid march comes on
T' unveil th' eternal world.

5 I for this hour muſt give account
Before God's awful throne:
Let not this hour neglected paſs,
As thouſands more have done.

6 Pardon, O God, my former ſloth,
And arm my ſoul with grace;
As, riſing now, I ſeal my vows
To proſecute thy ways.

7 Bright ſun of righteouſneſs, ariſe;
Thy radiant beams diſplay,
And guide my dark bewilder'd ſoul
To everlaſting day.

CCCLXIII. *An Evening-HYMN, to be uſed when compoſing one's ſelf to ſleep.*

I.

INTERVAL of grateful ſhade,
Welcome to my weary head!
Welcome ſlumbers to mine eyes,
Tir'd with glaring vanities!
My great maſter ſtill allows
Needful periods of repoſe:
By my heav'nly father bleſt,
Thus I give my pow'rs to reſt;

Heav'nly father! gracious name!
Night and day his love the ſame:
Far be each ſuſpicious thought,
Ev'ry anxious care forgot:
Thou, my ever-bounteous God,
Crown'ſt my days with various good:
Thy kind eye, that cannot ſleep,
Theſe defenceleſs hours ſhall keep:
Bleſt viciſſitude to me!
Day and night I'm ſtill with thee.

II.

What tho' downy ſlumbers flee,
Strangers to my couch and me?
Sleepleſs well I know to reſt,
Lodg'd within my father's breaſt.
While the empreſs of the night
Scatters mild her ſilver light:
While the vivid planets ſtray
Various thro' their myſtic way;
While the ſtars unnumber'd roll
Round the ever-conſtant pole;
Far above theſe ſpangled ſkies
All my ſoul to God ſhall riſe;
'Midſt the ſilence of the night
Mingling with thoſe angels bright,
Whoſe harmonious voices raiſe
Ceaſeleſs love and ceaſeleſs praiſe:
Thro' the throng his gentle ear
Shall my tuneleſs accents hear:
From on high doth he impart
Secret comfort to my heart.
He in theſe ſereneſt hours
Guides my intellectual pow'rs, And

And his ſpirit doth diffuſe,
Sweeter far than midnight dews;
Lifting all my thoughts above
On the wings of faith and love.
Bleſt alternative to me,
Thus to ſleep or wake, with thee!

III.

What if death my ſleep invade?
Should I be of death afraid?
Whilſt I encircled by thine arm,
Death may ſtrike, but cannot harm.
What if beams of op'ning day
Shine around my breathleſs clay?
Brighter viſions from on high
Shall regale my mental eye.
Tender friends awhile may mourn
Me from their embraces torn;
Dearer better friends I have
In the realms beyond the grave.
See the guardian-angels nigh
Wait to waft my ſoul on high!
See the golden gates diſplay'd!
See the crown to grace my head!
See a flood of ſacred light,
Which no more ſhall yield to night!
Tranſitory world, farewel!
Jeſus calls with him to dwell.
With thy heav'nly preſence bleſt,
Death is life, and labour reſt.
Welcome ſleep, or death to me,
Still ſecure, for ſtill with thee.

CCCLXIV. *On recovery from ſickneſs, during which, much of the divine favour had been experienced.*

1 MY God, thy ſervice well demands
The remnant of my days;
Why was this fleeting breath renew'd,
But to renew thy praiſe?

2 Thine arms of everlaſting love
Did this weak frame ſuſtain,
When life was hov'ring o'er the grave,
And nature ſunk with pain.

3 Thou, when the pains of death were felt,
Didſt chaſe the fears of hell;
And teach my pale and quiv'ring lips
Thy matchleſs grace to tell.

4 Calmly I bow'd my fainting head
On thy dear faithful breaſt;
Pleas'd to obey my father's call
To his eternal reſt.

5 Into thy hands, my Saviour-God,
Did I my ſoul reſign,
In firm dependance on that truth,
Which made ſalvation mine.

6 Back from the borders of the grave
At thy command I come:
Nor would I urge a ſpeedier flight
To my celeſtial home.

7 Where thou determin'ſt mine abode,
There would I chuſe to be;

For

For in thy preſence death is life,
And earth is heav'n with thee.

CCCLXV. *The laſt words of David.* 2 Sam. xxiii. 1—8 *.

1 THUS hath the ſon of Jeſſe ſaid,
When Iſrael's God had rais'd his head
To high imperial ſway:
Struck with his laſt poetic fire,
Zion's ſweet pſalmiſt tun'd his lyre
To this harmonious lay.

2 Thus dictates Iſrael's ſacred rock:
Thus hath the God of Jacob ſpoke
By my reſponſive tongue:
Behold the Juſt one over men
Commencing his religious reign,
Great ſubject of my ſong!

3 So gently ſhines with genial ray,
Th' uncrouded lamp of riſing day,
And chears the tender flow'rs,
When midnight's ſoft diffuſive rain
Hath bleſs'd the gardens and the plain
With kind refreſhing ſhow'rs.

4 Shall not my houſe this honour boaſt?
My ſoul th' eternal cov'nant truſt,
Well order'd ſtill and ſure?
There all my hopes and wiſhes meet:
In death I call its bleſſings ſweet,
And feel its bond ſecure.

* Agreeable to the ingenious metrical verſion of the learned Dr Richard Grey.

5 The

5 The ſons of Belial ſhall not ſpring,
Who ſpurn at heav'n's appointed king,
And ſcorn his high command:
Tho' wide the Briars infeſt the ground,
And the ſharp-pointed thorns around
Defy a tender hand.

6 A dreadful warrior ſhall appear
With iron arms, and maſſy ſpear,
And tear them from their place:
Touch'd with the lightning of his ire,
At once they kindle into fire,
And vaniſh in the blaze.

CCCLXVI. A Military ODE.

PSALM CXLIX.

Probably compoſed by David to be ſung when his army was marching out to war againſt the remnant of the devoted nations of Canaan, and firſt went up in ſolemn proceſſion to the houſe of God at Jeruſalem, there, as it were, to conſecrate the arms, which he put into their hands. The beds referred to Ver. 5, *were probably the couches, on which they lay at the banquet attending their ſacrifices; which gives a noble ſenſe to a paſſage, on any other interpretation hardly intelligible.*

1 O praiſe ye Lord, prepare a new ſong,
And let all his ſaints in full conſort join:
Ye tribes all aſſemble the feaſt to prolong,
In ſolemn proceſſion with muſic divine.

2 O Iſrael, in him that made thee rejoice;
Let all Zion's ſons exult in their king;
While to martial dances you join a glad voice,
Your lutes, harps, and timbrels in harmony bring.

3 The Lord in his ſaints ſtill finds his delight;
Salvation from him the meek ſhall adorn;
They well may be joyful, ſuſtain'd by his might,
And crown'd by his favour may lift up their horn.

4 Let carpets be ſpread, and banquets prepar'd
Thoſe altars around, whence incenſe aſcends;
Whilſt anthems of glory thro' Salem are heard,
And God, whom we worſhip, indulgent attends.

5 Then as your hearts bound with muſic & wine,
Inſpir'd by the God, who reigns in the place;
Unſheath all your weapons, and bright let them ſhine,
And brandiſh your faulchions, while chaunting his praiſe.

6 Then march to the field; the heathen defy;
And ſcatter his wrath on nations around:
Like angels of vengeance your ſword lift on high,
And boaſt that Jehovah commiſſions the wound.

7 Their gen'rals ſubdu'd your triumphs ſhall grace,
And loaded with chains their kings ſhall be brought;
On the necks ſhall ye trample of Canaan's proud race,
And all their laſt remnant for ſlaughter be fought.

8 No

8 No rage of your own ſuch rigour demands;
A ſentence divine your arms muſt fulfil:
Of old he this vengeance conſign'd to your hands,
And in ſacred volumes recorded his will.

9 This honour, ye ſaints, appointed for you,
All-grateful receive, and faithful obey;
And, while this dread pleaſure reſiſtleſs ye do,
Still make his high praiſes the ſong of the day.

CCCLXVII. *For the thankſgiving-day for the peace.* April 25, 1749.

1 NOW let our ſongs addreſs the God of peace,
Who bids the tumult of the battle ceaſe:
The pointed ſpears to pruning-hooks he bends,
And the broad faulchion in the plow-ſhare ends.
His pow'rful word unites contending nations
In kind embrace, and friendly ſalutations.

2 Britain, adore the guardian of thy ſtate;
Who, high on his celeſtial throne elate,
Still watchful o'er thy ſafety and repoſe,
Frown'd on the counſels of thy haughtieſt foes;
Thy coaſt ſecur'd from ev'ry dire invaſion
Of fire and ſword, and ſpreading deſolation.

3 When rebel-bands with deſp'rate madneſs join'd,
He wafted o'er deliv'rance with his wind;
Drove back the tide that delug'd half our land,
And curb'd their fury with his mightier hand:
Till dreadful ſlaughter, and the laſt confuſion
Taught thoſe audacious ſinners their deluſion.

4 He

4 He gave our fleets to triumph o'er the main,
And ſcatter terrors 'croſs wide ocean's plain:
Oppoſing leaders tremble at the ſight,
Nor found their ſafety in th'attempted flight;
Taught by their bonds how vainly they pretended
Thoſe to diſtreſs, whom Iſrael's God defended.
5 Fierce ſtorms were ſummon'd up in Britain's aid,
And meagre famine hoſtile lands o'erſpread;
By ſuff'rings bow'd their conqueſts they releaſe
Nor ſcorn the overtures of equal peace:
Contending pow'rs congratulate the bleſſing
Joint hymns of gratitude to heav'n addreſſing.
6 While we beneath our vines and fig-trees ſit,
Or thus within thy ſacred temple meet,
Accept, great God, the tribute of our ſong,
And all the mercies of this day prolong.
Then ſpread thy peaceful word thro' ev'ry nation,
That all the earth may hail thy great ſalvation.

CCCLXVIII. *The bleſſing pronounced upon* Iſrael *by the prieſts.* Numbers vi. 24—27

For new year's-day.

1 GUARDIAN of Iſrael, ſource of peace,
Who haſt ordain'd thy prieſts to bleſs,
Shine forth as our propitious Lord,
And verify thy ſervants word.
2 Let thy own pow'r defend us ſtill
Thro' all the year from ev'ry ill;
And let the ſplendour of thy face
Chear all its bright or gloomy days.

3 Thy

3 Thy countenance our ſouls would ſee,
For all our joys unite in thee;
And peace ſtill waits at thy command
To calm our hearts, and bleſs our land.

4 Hear, while thy prieſts addreſs thy vows,
And ſcatter bleſſings thro' thy houſe;
And, while they fall, may Iſrael raiſe
Its pious ſongs of ardent praiſe.

CCCLXIX. *A hymn for a faſt-day in time of war.* Deut. xxiii. 9.

1 GREAT God of heav'n and nature, riſe,
And hear our loud united cries:
See Britain bow before thy face
Thro' all her coaſts, and ſeek thy grace.

2 No arm of fleſh we make our truſt;
Nor ſword, nor horſe, nor ſhips we boaſt:
Thine is the land, and thine the main,
And human force and ſkill is vain.

3 Our guilt might draw thy vengeance down
On ev'ry ſhore, on ev'ry town;
But view us, Lord, with pitying eye,
And lay thy lifted thunder by.

4 Forgive the follies of our times,
And purge our land from all its crimes;
Reform'd and deck'd with grace divine,
Let princes, prieſts, and people ſhine.

5 O may no God-provoking ſin
Thro' all our camps and navies reign;

No

No foul reproach, to drive from thence
Our ſureſt glory and defence.

6 So ſhall our God delight to bleſs,
And crown our arms with wide ſucceſs:
Our foes ſhall dread Jehovah's ſword;
And conqu'ring Britain ſhout the Lord.

CCCLXX. Jabez's *prayer recommended to youth.* 1 Chron. iv. 9, 10.

1 THOU God of Jabez, hear,
While we intreat thy grace,
And borrow that expreſſive pray'r,
With which he ſought thy face.

2 "O that the Lord indeed
"Would me his ſervant bleſs,
"From ev'ry evil ſhield my head,
"And crown my paths with peace!

3 "Be his Almighty hand
"My helper and my guide,
"Till, with his ſaints in Canaan's land,
"My portion he divide."

4 Thus pious Jabez pray'd,
While God inclin'd his ear;
And all, by whom his ſuit is made,
Shall find the bleſſing near.

5 Ye youths your vows combine,
With loud united voice;
So ſhall your heads with honour ſhine,
And all your hearts rejoice.

CCCLXXI. Manaſſeh's *affliction, penitence and reſtoration.* 2 Chron. xxxiii. 10—12.

1 GOD of Manaſſeh, wilt thou ſcorn
To own that humble name,
While ſinners, ſo remote as we,
Thy grace to him proclaim?

2 High rais'd on Judah's throne he ſeem'd,
That hell in him might reign;
And taught thy ſacred name to know
Its horrors to profane.

3 Yet thou the royal wretch didſt view
With pity in thine eyes:
How ſtrange a cure thy mercy wrought!
How wond'rous, yet how wiſe!

4 Caught in the thorns by hoſtile hands,
The captive learn'd to reign;
And Babel's fetters ſet him free
From Satan's heavier chain.

5 From the deep dungeon where he lay,
Thou heard'ſt his doleful cry;
Didſt raiſe the ſuppliant from the duſt,
And bring ſalvation nigh.

6 Our ſouls, deprav'd and hard like his,
May grace exert its pow'r;
And they ſhall bleſs the wholeſome ſmart
That works the ſov'reign cure.

CCCLXXII. *A church ſeeking direction from God in the choice of a paſtor.* Ezra viii. 21.

1 SHEPHERD of Iſrael bend thine ear,
Thy ſervants groans indulgent hear;
Perplex'd, diſtreſs'd, to thee we cry,
And ſeek the guidance of thine eye.

2 Thy comprehenſive view ſurveys
Our wand'ring paths, our trackleſs ways;
Send forth, O Lord, thy truth and light,
To guide our doubtful footſteps right.

3 With longing eyes, behold, we wait
In ſuppliant crowds at mercy's gate:
Our drooping hearts, O God, ſuſtain:
Shall Iſrael ſeek thy face in vain?

4 O Lord, in ways of peace return,
Nor let thy flock neglected mourn;
May our bleſt eyes a ſhepherd ſee,
Dear to our ſouls, and dear to thee.

5 Fed by his care, our tongues ſhall raiſe
A chearful tribute to thy praiſe;
Our children learn the grateful ſong,
And theirs the chearful notes prolong.

CCCLXXIII. *Divine condemnation deprecated, and inſtruction deſired, by the afflicted.* Job x. 2.

1 TRemendous judge, before thy bar,
What human creature can be clear?

An arm so strong, an eye so pure,
Who can escape, or who endure.

2 "Do not condemn us, Lord," we cry,
As trembling in the dust we lie;
But, while with grief our guilt we own,
Let smiling mercy take the throne.

3 If thou wilt smite, offended God,
Sheath up thy sword, and take thy rod,
And, 'midst the anguish and the smart,
Open to discipline our heart.

By chast'ning if our souls be taught,
And cleans'd from ev'ry secret fault,
The wise severity we'll bless,
And mix our groans with songs of praise.

CCCLXXIV. *Thanksgiving for national deliverance and improvement of it.* Luke i. 74, 75.

1 SALVATION doth to God belong;
His pow'r and grace shall be our song;
His hand hath dealt a secret blow,
And terror strikes the haughty foe.

2 Praise to the Lord, who bows his ear
Propitious to his people's pray'r;
And, tho' deliv'rance long delay,
Answers in his well-chosen day.

3 O may thy grace our land engage,
(Rescu'd from fierce tyrannic rage,)
This tribute of its love to bring
To thee, our Saviour, and our king!

4 Our

4 Our temples guarded from the flame,
Shall echo thy triumphant name;
And ev'ry peaceful private home,
To thee a temple ſhall become.

5 Still be it our ſupreme delight
To walk as in thy honour'd ſight:
Still in thy precepts and thy fear,
To life's laſt hour to perſevere.

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